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### NEWS SUMMARY.

*BY TELEGRAPH.*

The Democratic Union Convention, of New York city, on Tuesday night nominated Hon. John H. Anthon for Mayor. This is the fourth candidate running for Mayor.

Wm. N. McIntyre, who received one vote for Mayor by the Democratic Union Convention, in New York, Tuesday night, became engaged in a quarrel after adjournment and drawing a revolver fired into the crowd, fortunately hitting no one. McIntyre was arrested.

The Connecticut river at Springfield was frozen over yesterday.

Gen. Canby has issued a general order to provide for the punishment of persons who obstruct railroads. In case any loss of life occurs the punishment on conviction by any Military Commission or Court of competent jurisdiction is death.

Secretary McCulloch not being decided as to whether the thirty day ' grace given by the tenure of office law for reporting removals and suspensions, begins on the 21st instant or the first day of the next session, has referred the matter to the Solicitor of the Treasury for his opinion.

A *Herald* Richmond special says: The excitement among the negroes of Richmond on the subject of being caught alive for dissection continues. They now believe that forty medical students from New York are in Richmond for the purpose of procuring material for dissection. Very few are seen on the streets after night, and not more than fifty attended the circus last night, while heretofore one thousand have usually been present.

Quite an excitement was caused at St. Albans, Vermont, on Tuesday, by the arrival of two car loads of fire arms, addressed to Peter Ward, a notorious Fenian. They were met at the depot by a posse of men and soon removed for storage elsewhere.

The carpenter and blacksmith shop, of the Great Western Railway at Hamilton, Canada, were destroyed by fire Tuesday night. Loss very heavy.

In the Canadian House of Commons Tuesday night, Mr. McKenzie gave notice of a motion for copies of the correspondence relative to the forcible abduction of British subjects from the township of Moore by United States officers. Sir John A. McDonald announced that the House would be asked to continue the suspension of the *habeas corpus* act, and to extend to all parts o the Dominion the provisions of the act for the trial of foreign aggressors.

A passenger and freight train collided on the Atlantic City Railroad Tuesday. Both the engines were smashed, and the engineers injured.

General Pope orders the Reconstruction Convention in Georgia to meet at Atlanta December 9. The Conservative Convention meets at Macon December 3.

The ship Goleonda sailed from Charleston for Monrovia, yesterday, with three hundred and twenty negro emigrants.

Further particulars of the burning of the Steamer Onward, on the Alabama river, report eleven persons lost—Mr. Conklin, of New Orleans, and ten negroes. The cotton burned was valued at $350,000, and was fully insured. The coal was insured for her full value.

*BY MAILS.*

The Louisville and Cincinnati Railroad is progressing rapidly. $115,000 was expended for construction last month, making the whole amount expended to November 1, about $520,000. One-third of the grading and masonry is now completed.

The Chippewa, Wisconsin, *Times*, of the 9th, says: "Beillie, who came down from his place, 100 miles up the Chippewa, this week, says that on Sunday last the snow was twenty-four inches deep on the ground; at Grand Rapids, thirteen inches deep, and at Frambeau, forty miles up, plenty of snow for logging. At this place, on Sunday, it snowed nearly all day, but melted about as fast as it fell."

A writer in the Charleston *Courier* says the cotton factories in South Carolina are doing well. The one at Pendleton is about to double its machinery. A factory near Greenville C. S., worked two sets of hands during the war, running day and night.

A real live manatee, or sea cow, has been captured in the St. Louis river, Florida, and brought to Savannah by the steamer Dictator. So few in number have been the captures of this wonderful creature, that the fact of its existence in Florida has been doubted.

The waste lands known as the Newark meadows and extending over a tract of four hundred thousand acres, between the Hackensack and Passaic, having a fine water frontage in the city of Newark, are at last about to be reclaimed. Machinery, laborers, and all the appliances of capital have been invested in this work, and great results may be expected from the enterprise. Opera House Price—Cincinnati and New York—is at the bottom of the investment.

The Illinois Central Railroad Company are drawing water for their engines from the Big Muddy, a distance of fifty-four miles. All the swamps and tanks in the vicinity of Centralia have dried up.

The population of the District of Columbia, so far as the returns have been counted, is 6,561 whites, and 31,081 blacks—93,543. There are several districts to be heard from, and the population will probably be 115,000.

It is understood that the committee on elections, which has been investigating the cases of the members elect from Kentucky, agree that while the evidence taken throws a strong rebel complexion on the part of most of the members, yet in any cases of affording direct aid to rebels have been discovered.

As was expected, Lindsay, the negro speaker of Richmond, did not make the reported incendiary speech attributed to him. It appears that he was only repeating the language of the *Enquirer*, which had said that the streets of Richmond would run with blood, and then said that if that issue was forced upon them by the whites, they (the blacks) must meet it. The report that General Schofield apprehends trouble from the negroes in Virginia has no foundation whatever, as he is known to regard them as being as peaceably disposed as at any time since the war closed.

L. W. Wallace & Co., bankers and brokers, of Detroit, have failed.

Mr. Vallandigham made a speech to the Democrats of Springfield, Ohio, on the occasion of a celebration of recent victories. He expressed an uncompromising hostility to all attempts to regulate party action upon ideas of will, and his exertions in the future will be unpractically, opposition to the election of Mr. Thurman as Senator; and he strongly favors a square fight upon principle. The meeting which he intended to express the propriety of translating Val. himself to the Senate chamber.

### MEETING OF CONGRESS TO-DAY.

#### The Order of Business.

Congress will meet to-day. When it adjourned, John Covode had the floor; and after the new members are sworn in, will be entitled to it to-day for fifty minutes. When he gets through—in five or fifty minutes—the report of the Impeachment Committee will be the first thing in order. If they are not ready with their report; or if, for any other reason, they judge it advisable to hold the papers in reserve for a short time longer, they may, after submitting the evidence, ask a commitment of the whole matter to the committee. If this is agreed to, the question disposed of till they again report, and if not carried, the evidence once becomes public. It is presumed that Covode will not care to occupy the time to which he is entitled, and the first question, therefore, or decision will be: Shall the minority report be submitted with the majority report, both being in an equal state of forwardness. There is no reason for supposing that this proposition will meet with any serious opposition.

### Fitz-Greene Halleck.

Fitz-Greene Halleck, the distinguished American poet, died on Tuesday night, at Guilford, Conn., the place of his nativity, in the seventy-third year of his age. At the age of eighteen he became a clerk in the banking house of Jacob Barker, New York, where he remained for many years. For a long period before the death of John Jacob Astor, Mr. H. was engaged in his business affairs, and was named one of the original trustee of the Astor Library, a position which he held up to the time of his death. His earliest poetical effusion appeared in the New York *Evening Post*, in 1813, and was entitled "Twilight." The spirited lyric "Marco Bozzaris" gave him a popularity which has never waned. A remarkable characteristic of a poetic genius was its versatility. The thirty-two pieces which comprised a collected poems in 1860 contained specimens of delicate local satire, of vigorous contemplative verse, of martial lyrics, of animated narrative or playful humor, each excellent in its kind. His versification was easy and humorous, and according to the admirer of one of the most eminent of his contemporaries, "in no poet can be found passages which flow with more sweet and liquid smoothness." In private life, to which he retired in 1849, he was greatly esteemed.

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### THE CAPITAL.

MEETING OF CONGRESS TO-DAY.

Early Discussion of the Financial Question.

Anxiety About the Impeachment Matter.

Departmental Clerks Want More Pay.

The Next National Republican Convention.

A Convention of Distillers to be Held in Washington.

**Special Dispatch to the Commercial.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 20, 1867.

**Congress.**

Senators and members have freely arrived today, and there will be a quorum in both houses to-morrow. It is agreed, however, that no business will be done of any moment until Monday, when the committees are to be announced. To-morrow or Friday night the Republicans will hold a caucus, and decide on the policy to be pursued on prominent questions. Judging from the outside conversation of members, but little will be done towards impeachment, while there is a general disposition to discuss at as early a day as possible the financial question. In this particular it may be stated that Senator Sherman says that Congress will probably repeal the authority by which the Secretary of the Treasury has been contracting the currency, four millions per month.

**The Impeachment Question.**

The Judiciary Committee to-day had their first full meeting since July, all of the members being present. The impeachment question was not discussed, but other subjects before them were considered but not disposed of. There is a general desire in and out of the Committee, that a report may be made on impeachment on Monday next, and the matter settled one way or the other at an early day.

**Important to Office Seekers.**

President Johnson to-day told some of the applicants for the Commissionership of Agriculture and the Mexican Mission, that he would send no nomination of any kind to the Senate during the extra session.

**Increased Pay Wanted.**

The Department clerks have commenced a move for increased pay. They are calling upon members as fast as they come in, and urging their claims for additional compensation.

**Mr. McCulloch's Report.**

The Secretary of the Treasury is busily engaged in the preparation of his annual report, a portion of which is already in the hand of the printers. It will be a very voluminous document, and the anxiety of financial men and others to learn its contents is very great, but it is kept very secret.

**Office Seekers Clamorous.**

The office seekers are on hand in considerable force, and thronged the Presidential Mansion to-day. Some of them are urging Senators to make vacancies in some of the offices of the Senate. Quite a movement has been developed against Col. Forney as Secretary, and Brown as Sergeant-at-Arms. Gen. Burbridge, of Kentucky, wants the latter place.

**Republican National Convention.**

The National Republican Executive Committee will meet in this city, on the 11th of December, to decide upon the place of holding the next Presidential Nominating Convention. Governor Ward, Chairman, is now here. It is generally conceded that the West will be chosen, and a lively competition has sprung up between Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis. Next to the question of fixing a place, the most important subject before the committee will be the time for holding the convention.

**Convention of Distillers.**

Arrangements are making for a meeting in this city about the 10th or 15th of next month of persons interested in having changes made in the internal revenue laws relating to alcohol and distilled spirits. The gathering will comprise representative from the various classes of persons directly engaged in the sale or manufacture of these articles, and it is proposed to agree upon certain modifications of the law, which will then be urged upon the attention of Congress.

### A GREAT JOKE.

National Union State Committee Meeting.

Basis of Future Political Operations.

**Special Dispatch to the Commercial.**

PHILADELPHIA, November 20, 1867.

The committee which had its origin in and derived its authority from the National Union State Convention held in this city, July 3, 1866, met at the Girard House yesterday. The meeting was well attended, and the members from the several interior districts made most encouraging reports of the condition of public sentiment in their respective localities. The meeting was called by the Chairman for the purpose of submitting to the members a proposition for a thorough organization of the State, and the following preamble and resolutions were offered by N. P. Sawyer, Esq., of Pittsburgh, and unanimously adopted as the basis of future operations.

WHEREAS, We believe it to be the duty of every and any party which approves of the measures, views and efforts of the administration of the present Chief Magistrate to sustain and encourage his course by a manly and dignified expression of opinion; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the National Union party retain an abiding and unshaken faith in the firmness, wisdom and integrity of Andrew Johnson, the President of the United States, and we hereby tender him in behalf of those we represent, our approval and our thanks, not less for this expression of confidence in the judgment of the people than for the defiance to their will, and his exertions in their behalf in the policy of his administration.

WHEREAS, The result of the late election has proven that the confidence reposed by our Chief Magistrate in the will and ability of the people to rebuke or approve of the deeds of legislators or rulers has not been misplaced; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the necessity for an immediate union of all the elements opposed to radical domination and oppression upon a basis which will embrace Republican and Democrat, National Union and Conservative men, has likewise been demonstrated; and whereas, prompt and efficient action only can accomplish the complete overthrow of the Radicals; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Chairman be hereby directed to fill up such vacancies as exist in committees for districts not now represented and to proceed to make such arrangements as are necessary to accomplish a thorough organization of the State, and confer with parties holding similar views in other States, with a view to effect an organization of the conservative men of the country.

After the consideration of other business of a private nature, the Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

### NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, November 20, 1867.

ELECTION POSTPONED.

The election for directors of the Pacific and Atlantic Mail Companies has been postponed till the 16th of December, in consequence of serving injunctions, which will be argued in court. The former company declared a three per cent. quarterly dividend.

MANDAMUS REFUSED.

The Supreme Court to-day refused to grant a mandamus compelling the Commissioners of Emigration to admit the agent of the Erie road to Castle Garden.

FAILURE.

J. R. Place & Co., largely engaged in the Tea and Sugar trade, have suspended. Their liabilities are heavy.

BARNEY AARON,

Champion feather weight pugilist, is matched for $2 500 aside, against an unknown, to fight in March.

SIGHT-SEERS.

The City Council of Columbus, Ohio, are sight-seeing to-day.

THE SOCIAL SCIENCE CONGRESS

Held to-day's meeting at the House of Refuge, Randall's Island. Papers were read on various subjects relating to prison discipline and reformatories.

VERDICT.

A verdict of $4,500 has been recovered against the city for the death of a laborer by the fall of a derrick at the new court house.

PAYING FOR THEIR WHISTLE.

Suit has been commenced against John McDermott for supplies furnished and used by the Fenians in the raid on Campo Bello.

## EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

Opening of the French Legislature.

Speech of Emperor Napoleon.

APPROACHES TO ROME FORTIFIED.

Meeting of the British Parliament.

Speech of Queen Victoria.

**Speech of Emperor Napoleon.**

PARIS, November 19.—The Senate and Corps Legislatif assembled yesterday. The Emperor made the following speech:

The necessity of resuming the discussion of important laws has obliged me to call you together earlier than usual, and ask your assistance. Since you separated vague disquietudes have arisen to affect the public mind of Europe, and restrict the movements of industry and commercial transactions in all quarters. Notwithstanding the declarations of my government, which has never varied from a pacific attitude, the belief has been spread that a modification in the internal system of Germany must become a means of conflict. This uncertainty could not endure longer. It is necessary to accept frankly the changes which have taken place on the other side of the Rhine, and to proclaim that so long as our interests and our dignity shall not be threatened, we will not interfere in the transformation effected by that one wish of the population. Why this disquiet has been displayed is difficult of explanation, at a period in which France has offered to the world the most imposing spectacle of conciliation and peace. The Universal Exposition, where nearly all the Sovereigns of Europe have attended, and where the concourse assistat res of the laboring classes of all countries have met, has drawn closer the ties of fraternity between the nations. It has, moreover, been, in its traces will leave a deep impression upon our age, for after having majestically risen the exhibition has not only shown with a marvelous artistary brilliancy, it has destroyed a host of prejudices and of errors, the shackles of labor and intelligence, and the barriers between the different peoples as well as different classes of international hatreds. These are what the exhibition have cast behind it, but these incontestible pledges of concord do not allow us to dispense with improving the military institutions of France.

It is the imperious duty of every government to follow progress, independent of circumstances. In all the changes which occur, both the strength of a country; and it is for us a necessity to bring to perfection the military organizations, as our weapons are the army and navy. The project of law presented to the legislative body divided equally between the citizens the charges of recruitment. That system has appeared so absolute that measures have been adopted to attenuate its bearing. Since then I have thought it advisable to submit the important question to your further consideration. Every serious benefit possible can be realized carefully investigated, as it touches on great and contradictory interests. My Government will propose no new arrangements, only simple modifications of the laws of 1832, but will achieve the object I have always had in view, the reduction of the effective strength of the army during peace, and its increase during war. You will examine the law for the organization of the National Guard Mobile, under the impression of the patriotic idea that the stronger we are the more certain will be the assurance of peace.

Peace, despite the efforts of us all to preserve it, seemed for a moment in danger. Revolutionary agitation, prepared in broad daylight, burst out in the streets, and the balance vention of September not having been carried out, I have been compelled to send again our troops to the Eternal City to protect the power of the Holy See from republican invaders. Our conduct could not partake of anything hostile to the independence of Italy, and that nation, for a moment surprised, has not been long insensible to the dangers of these criminal revolutionary manifestations, menacing to monarchical principles and European order. Calm has now succeeded to the agitation of the Papal States of the Pope, and we may calculate the time when our troops will be recalled. For us, the Convention of September, 1865, exists so long as it is not replaced. The interest we feel finally to the Holy See interest the whole of Europe. We have proposed to the powers to settle, in a Conference, and thus prevent new complications.

Attention has been turned to the Eastern question, from which the conciliatory spirit of the powers removed the irritation and the apprehension that existed between them. As regards bringing about the pacification of Crete, I am happy to announce that they have agreed on two principal points, the maintenance of the integrity of the Ottoman Empire, and the amelioration of the condition of the Christians.

Since last session universal suffrage has been called upon to elect a third of the members of the Councils General. These elections, carried out with calmness and independence, have very visibly demonstrated the good feeling of the population.

The journey I have made with the Empress to the East and South of France has afforded opportunity for manifestations of sympathy, which have touched me profoundly. I have been able to ascertain that nothing has been able to shake the confidence the people have placed in me, and the attachment they entertain towards my dynasty. For my part I labor incessantly to anticipate their wishes. The completion of connecting roads was required by those agricultural classes of whom you are the enlightened representatives. It was an act of justice, I should almost say of gratitude, to satisfy those honest and laborious classes. Already is preparing its solution. It will be easy for you, in concert with my government, to secure the success of the great measure. The situation is incontestibly not free from embarrassments. Industrial and commercial activity has slackened in general in Europe, and is in great part due to apprehensions, which the good understanding prevailing between the powers will cause to disappear.

The harvest is not good; dearness is inevitable, and free trade can alone secure supplies and lower prices; but if these causes prevent the revenue completely balancing the estimates of the budget, the progress of the laws of finance should not be modified, and we may foresee the period when a reduction of taxation may be taken into consideration.

The session will be devoted to the examination of laws of which I took the initiative part in the month of January last. The time that has elapsed has not altered my conviction respecting the utility of those reforms. Prejudices the introduction of new liberties exposed the public mind to excitement and dangerous impulses, but to render them powerless, I count on the same time upon the confidence of the country, on the progress of public morality, on the firmness in suppression of disorder when required, on the energy and authority of the responsible powers.

Let us then follow up the work which we have undertaken together. For fifteen years we have shared the same ideas, to uphold peace and order; to moderate contending and inimitable passions, which are fundamental laws which the popular voice has sanctioned; but at the same time to develope liberal institutions without weakening the principle of authority. Let us not cease to spread around us the comforts of life by the prompt completion of our means of instruction, to render access to justice less expensive by simplifying the forms, and to adopt every measure that will render prosperous the social condition of the great masses.

If with me you become convinced that this policy is that of real progress and civilization, let us advance in that agreement of views and sentiments which is the precious guarantee of the public welfare. You will, I trust, vote laws which will contribute to the greatness, wealth and happiness of the country. For my own part, you may rest assured I will uphold firmly the power confided to me, for the obstacle nor unjust opposition will shake either my courage or my faith in the future.

**Opening of English Parliament.**

LONDON, November 19.—Parliament opened to-day in accordance with Royal proclamation. The Queen was not present. Her speech was read by the Royal Commission from the throne. The substance of the speech is as follows:

King Theodorus, having rejected all the demands of Great Britain for the release of her subjects cruelly and without just cause imprisoned by him, Her Majesty had no alternative but to send a military expedition into Abyssinia, and reference is made to the supply bills needful to defray the expenses of the war. The invasion of the Papal territory is now over. The hope is expressed that Emperor Napoleon will soon withdraw his forces from Italy, and avoid unfriendly relations with Victor Emanuel. Fenianism, repressed in Ireland, has taken the form of organized violence and murder in England, where it must also be suppressed, by the firm fulfillment of the law, and by the loyalty of the people. The speech concludes with the promise that her Majesty's Government will bring before Parliament reform bills for Scotland and Ireland, and other domestic measures of an important character.

In the Commons the address to the Queen was moved by Sir Wm. Hartdyke, and seconded by Col. Jas. Hogg. The address in the Lords was proposed by the Earl of Brownlow, and seconded by Lord Hyton. Both addresses echo the speech of the Queen.

**British Foreign Policy.**

LONDON, November 19, midnight.—In the Commons, this evening, Lord Stanley made some explanations in connection with recent events on the Continent. He said England had been invited to join a general European Conference, but had refused to do so unless a distinct plan of action was proposed. Lord Stanley thought participation in such Congress would only add to the responsibilities of England without doing any good. Nearly all the members who spoke to-night took occasion in the course of their remarks to condemn the recent action of France in sending a military expedition to Italy.

**New Fortifications at Rome.**

PARIS, November 19.—Experienced engineers have laid out and the Pontifical troops are actively engaged in building substantial works of defense at all approaches to Rome, and these fortifications are rapidly approaching completion.

**Farragut's Fleet.**

LISBON, November 19.—The United States fleet under Admiral Farragut will sail during the present week.

**Governor of Porto Rico.**

MADRID, November 19.—Julian Pavia has been appointed Governor of Porto Rico.

**The Times on Napoleon's Speech.**

LONDON, November 19.—The *Times* warmly praises Napoleon, and regards his speech as the most liberal, peaceful and sensible of the second Empire.

**Shipping Intelligence.**

QUEENSTOWN, November 19.—The steamer Minnesota, from New York, has arrived.

LONDONDERRY, November 19.—The steamship Belgian, from Quebec, has arrived.

LIVERPOOL, November 19.—The steamship France, from New York, has arrived.

QUEENSTOWN, November 19.—The steamship City of Antwerp, from New York, has arrived.

SOUTHAMPTON, November 20.—The steamers Cambria and Hansa, from New York, have arrived here.

LONDONDERRY, November 20.—The steamer St. Patrick, from Quebec, has arrived.

**London Money Market.**

LONDON Evening, November 19.—Consols, 94¾-95; Erie Railroad Shares, 37¾; Illinois Central, 85; Erie, 47¾.

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**Frankfort Money Market.**

FRANKFORT, Evening, November 19.—United States bonds, 76.

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**Liverpool Markets.**

LIVERPOOL, Evening, November 19.—Cotton dull; middling uplands 9¾d; Orleans 9¾d; sales of 8,000 bales.

Breadstuff—Corn 46s 9d. California wheat 12s 7d. Red Western 10s 10d. Barley 4s 4d. Oats 2s 10d. Peas 35s.

Provisions—Beef 110s. Pork 72s. Lard 52s. Cheese 52s. Bacon 59s.

Produce—Spirits turpentine 27s 6d. Petroleum 2s for pfints, and 1s 4½d for refined.

LONDON, November 20, Evening.—Cotton steady and unchanged sales 10,000 bales.

Breadstuffs and provisions unchanged. Lard and cheese unchanged. Lard declined to 51s 9d. Tallow 45s. Spirits turpentine 27s. Petroleum unchanged.

**Antwerp Petroleum Market.**

ANTWERP, November 19, Evening.—Petroleum quiet at 54f. Refined, 55f.

ANTWERP, November 20, Evening.—Petroleum 54f at 55f; from Rouen.

**Manchester Market.**

LIVERPOOL, November 19.—Advices from Manchester are unfavorable. The market for goods and yarns is dull and heavy.

## FROM CHINA.

**Hostility to Foreigners, Particularly American and English—The Mahomedan Rebels—Failures—A Cyclone.**

SAN FRANCISCO, November 17.—Dates from Shanghai, of October 17th, says: News from Teutsin says the Junkmen at the mouth of the Paiho have recently shown great hostility to all foreigners. The Russian Admiral, Koppoli, was fatally fired at while aboard Her British Majesty's gunboat Dove. The American steamer Wauchee was also attacked. Trouble is anticipated.

The Imperial troops, it is believed, will act this winter in conjunction with the Mahomedan rebels, who threaten Pekin and Shanghai.

The fall is sickly, and there are many sudden deaths, among them the wife of the British Consul. Failures continue, and leading houses are closing. The French establishments at the outposts of Pevey are contracting the same panic among the Chinese. Out of one hundred and fourteen native banks forty-one failed within a few months.

Imports for 1866 have increased nine million taels. Exports have decreased four million taels. The Foreign Commissioners hold a meeting, and are fully conscious of the evil, but it is supposed to be to get, through the Imperial Government at Pekin, an abolition of the pernicious service of revenue under treaty for 1868.

At Hong Kong another fearful cyclone took place. The United States sloop-of-war Hartford was saved in a remarkable manner by Captain Conway. She parted both anchors, when Captain Conway lashed four heavy guns together and pitched them overboard. The spare anchor got out the sale safely. The damage on shore is estimated as ten million dollars.

Advices from Hankow, in Porto Chinkiang, state that a large bed of the best quality of bituminous coal has been discovered between Chinkiang and Nankin, three miles from Yank Tecking. The English Consul, Workham, will endeavor to persuade the officials to allow foreigners to work the mine at Tecking.

The American, English and French Consuls have forwarded the Chinese officials to rebuild the country house torn down by the mob, nine miles from the port.

The English and French gunboats have been sent for, the lives of foreigners having been threatened.

## NEW ORLEANS.

**City Finances—Order from Gen. Mower.**

NEW ORLEANS, November 20.—In the Council last night, the stamping of city issues in denominations of ten and twenty dollars, the notes to bear interest at 7 3 10 per cent. from date of stamping, and the cutting of five dollar bills in half, were proposed.

The following important order has been issued by Gen. Mower:

HDQRS ARMY, FIFTH MILITARY DIST., NEW ORLEANS, November 20.

The present incumbents being impediments to reconstruction under the law of Congress, the following removals and appointments of civil officers in Louisiana are hereby ordered: Daniel E. Beard, of the Fourth District Court, parish of Orleans, is removed, and J. P. Boyd, appointed in his place; Richard E. Bond, Clerk of Fourth District Court, parish of Orleans, is removed, and Wm. L. Randall appointed in his place. Wm. Wolfner, Clerk of the Sixth District Court, parish of Orleans, is removed, and H. C. Carter appointed in his place. Paul W. Collins, Third Justice of the Peace, parish of Orleans, is removed and Eugene Stass appointed in his place. D. C. Bryan, Clerk of the Third District Court, parish of Orleans, is removed, and Jno. B. Carter appointed in his place. Thos. Askew, State Tax Collector, First District, is removed and Jno. L. Davis appointed in his place. By command of Brevet-Maj.-Gen. Jas. A. Mower.

NATHANIEL BURBANK,
Assistant Adjutant General.

About forty members of the Convention, which commences its session on Saturday next, held a caucus yesterday. The hope was expressed that a constitution would be framed and the Convention complete its work by the first of January. It was thought also a plan for the adoption would be to elect State officers when the Constitution is submitted to the people. In which event it would be practicable to inaugurate the new State government on the first of February.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

**The Election—Large Radical Majority.**

WILMINGTON, November 20.—The election closed without disturbance or an arrest. The blacks polled a full vote, and not one white man took the Conservative ticket. There were very few white Radical votes in this city. The vote in the wards as far as heard from is: Second ward, Radical 299; Conservative 126. Third ward, Radical 251; Conservative 115. Fourth ward, Radical 293; Conservative 156. Total registered vote in the city, 935 whites, 1,583 blacks. Total county probably gives 1,500 Radical majority. Whiteville and Cerro Gordo, in Columbia county, give a considerable Conservative majority.

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

**The Election—State Appropriation and Tax Bills.**

CHARLESTON, November 20.—The election to-day was perfectly quiet. The voting was confined to the negroes. Accounts from the interior represent the whites everywhere declining to participate in the election.

A State Appropriation bill will soon be issued by Gen. Canby. It provides liberally for the Judiciary, the Penitentiary and public institutions. The State Tax bill will appear at the same time.

## ALABAMA.

**The Franchise Question in the Convention.**

MONTGOMERY, November 20.—The Reconstruction Convention to-night agreed to strike out of the article on the franchise that clause which disfranchises all who do not vote on the new Constitution.

The packet companies, at St. Louis, are sending all their large steamers into winter quarters. The river is so low that two or three days of cold weather will freeze it over, there being but little current to carry the ice away.

## NEW YORK LETTER:

**The Political Outlook—The Great American Sphynx—Local Politics—Personal Matters—Business and Amusements.**

Special Correspondence of Pittsburgh Commercial.

NEW YORK, November 18, 1867.

An attempt to give you news would be a very futile effort; for you will get the papers of to-day simultaneously with this letter, and they will afford the fullest opportunity to select plenty of that. But I can give you views and an inside coloring to some current topics that may not prove uninteresting to many of your readers.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The peculiar relations of political parties is a subject upon which it is the duty of every one, excepting General Grant, to express himself. You have on more than one occasion implied a certain confidence in my judgment when treating of such matters, and I therefore feel less diffidence than otherwise I might in modestly vaticinating now. And I hold that the use of the word "vaticinate" is good in the present aspect of affairs; for absolute determination of opinion I can regard as not only presumptuous but impossible. The public mind is in an unsettled and transition state all over the country. I am not working now for Allegheny county, but for a journal which exercises a wide spread influence beyond the sphere of its local circulation. I say the public mind is in a transition state. Only the unradicals of the two antagonistic parties are complacent and infatuated enough to think they see their way clear before them, and these, though starting from opposite directions, are both butting their heads against the same stone fence—to wit: the Popular Will. Whether we like it or not, it is useless for us to try to ignore the fact that the people have declared their repugnance to the two prominent features of the radicals' programme—Negro Suffrage in the North and Sumptuary Legislation. We may be angry and defiant over the teachings of this year's election, but the *Tribune*, *Evening Post*, and despondent, like a number of Mr. Greeley's less plucky contemporaries; but ac ebullition of any kind of temper will never alter a fact. Certain principles of the policy of the republican party, originated during a time of war and wild excitement, have had their day, and require now not simply modification, but positive change. In the first place, the mania for indiscriminate interference with long cherished social customs and prejudices must be abandoned. Restraints upon men's habits of life, where the point of committing actual crime is not approached, will not be tolerated by a community in which the ideas of freedom in thought and action are cultivated from earliest infancy. The theory that identifies itself with any one side-issue of the kind deliberately swamps its chances of success in times of peace, when folks have leisure left to think. In the second place, a new scheme of Suffrage must be adopted, and that without delay. The true conservative men of the Northern States do not desire to see even ex-rebels bound hand and foot, deprived of every helpless, and irresponsible and unlimited power of unscrupulous white demagogues and plantation freedmen. A compromise has to be arrived at between the destructive, iconoclastic, indiscriminating ardor of the Republican Radicals on the one part, and the reactionary, retrogressive, impracticable obstinacy of the Democratic party-bottom on the other. That compromise can never be any other than a universal agreement to make the Right to Vote depend on the Capacity to Comprehend the Nature of the Regular Payment of Taxation. We must obtain this compromise by legitimate amendment of the Constitution, and not by a parcel of slipshod Congressional Acts and Resolutions. Seven-tenths, at least, of the citizens of the Northern States could fulfill the requisite conditions, and, talking their certain preponderance into account, the balance struck at the South would be eminently equitable in principle and perfectly safe when that principle came to be put into practice. It has got to come to this with in our generation.

I do not suppose that, at present, the readers of the COMMERCIAL will agree with this sweeping exposition of almost revolutionary doctrine, but they will in time; and I feel sure that if any of our national law-givers should next year succeed in fairly starting this grand and indispensable reform, he would immortalize the century in its full term, pilfering, and not patriotism, is the end that's mainly held in view.

PERSONAL.

Sometime between now and New Years we are to have a visit from Alexander H. Stephens, who has been invited by many eminent and worthy citizens of all shades of political creed to deliver a public address at Cooper Institute on reconstruction and the general condition of things at the South. Stephens always commanded a considerable amount of respect and even a sort of charitable regard at the North, and he is sure to meet with a hospitable reception and draw crowded audiences.

The best card in the lecturing line that has been played lately is the Rev. Newman Hall, D. D., of London, who mixes up religion and politics very eloquently and adroitly, and succeeds in attracting large gatherings of the respectability of the metropolis. Dr. Hall is, in point of fact, a highly correct species of sensation; yet, would you believe it, the *Tribune* gave his really fine address of the other evening no more than forty or fifty lines of space. Rather a shabby way of treating a man who has been identified all his life with the Anti-Slavery movement, and who was one of our ablest and most earnest defenders abroad during the war. The *Herald* gave him two columns and a half, and the *Times* nearly as much.

PANEM ET CIRCENSES.

*Pawcon*, I am sorry to say, is very hard to get. I have not seen such hard times everywhere since '57. Business is terribly dull, and retrenchment is the order of the day. Yet amusements have seldom been more flourishing; and the the theater managers are exhibiting an extraordinary amount of enterprise and liberality. The most successful venture is the Comic Opera, under Mr. Bateman's direction, at the French Theater. Nothing of the musical and dramatic order can be compared, for sparkling vivacity, rollicking humor, charming melody and thorough originality in conception and performance, with *La Grande Duchesse de Gerolstein*. And then there can be no greater treat imaginable than to enjoy the exquisite grace and piquancy, and thegenuine spirit of overflowing fun, which inspires every performer in it. For parts such as Tostee and de Felcourt play—requiring first class vocal cultivation, superior dancing ability and an inexhaustible fund of spirits and physical activity, there are no actresses on the American or English stage.

The dramatization of Henry Ward Beecher's Norwood, by permission of the reverend novelist," has proved a failure. People prefer going to Plymouth Church when they want to hear preaching.

Ristori goes to Havre on Wednesday. Fanny Janauschek, the really great German tragic actress, will visit Pittsburgh this winter. Do not fail to to see her in Medea. The Forepaughs are doing well at the Broadway theater, and will also be with you early in the spring.

Next summer we are to have, in one of the pleasantest private parks near the city, a great gathering from all parts of the world of shooting, gymnastic and musical societies. The idea is of course one of German origin, though it is intended to make the affair cosmopolitanly international. A hundred thousand guests are expected, and wealthy citizens have already subscribed several thousand dollars to set the project fairly going. F. W.

## THE PRIZE RING.

**Fight Near Chicago Between Bussy and Duffy.**

**Bussy the Winner, after 135 Rounds.**

CHICAGO, November 20.—The prize fight between Fred. Bussy and Andy Duffy, of this city, for $1,000 a side, came off this afternoon. Thirteen cars, bearing about two thousand men, went out twenty five miles on the Pittsburgh and Ft. Wayne road, and then came back to within sixteen miles, at Robertsdale, near where Dooney and Fitzgerald fought recently. The men stood up about two o'clock, and fought one hundred and thirty-five rounds in one hour and forty-one minutes and a half. The rounds were all short, none exceeding two minutes, and several only one or two seconds. The fight was won by Bussy. Duffy was the favorite among the knowing ones, he having fought before, while his antagonist was new to the ring. He stripped badly, showing legs like pipe stems, and a delicate frame and bloodless. He evidently sought to gain by tiring out his opponent, and played the drop game all through, except in four rounds. He fell several times without a blow. He was punished severely on the body, but showed no blood, being as clean at the end as at the beginning, but very much discolored. His length of arm enabled him to strike the other without return. He exhibited medium science, but was loudly derided by the crowd for his cowardice. Duffy, without a mark, and feels as a daisy, now changed his tactics on the advice of McCoole and Dennis O'Brien of St. Louis.

Bussy stripped well, showing a fine form, well knit, his limbs clean and well corded, the perfection of physical strength. He gave body blows and received on the faces, taking a great deal of punishment gamely. He was decisive and strong, but showed no science, and did not try to stop blows. He was very cool in avoiding the temptation to strike foul. He was accorded by Jerry Donovan and Frank Nye, and counselled by Joe Coburn. Both parties were light hitters, Duffy for lack of strength, Bussey for want of knowledge. Nick Geary, of Chicago, was referee.

First Round—Bussy struck out, getting home on the face. Exchanges and Duffy struck out on the chin and left eye. Bussy on his back. Duffy struck. First blood claimed for Bussy, but not allowed. Time, one hundred seconds.

Second Round—Bussy parried and rushed in; rally at the ropes. Bussy clinched, getting a stinger on the face, Duffy dropping. Bussy over him. Time one minute and fifty seconds.

Third Round—Bussy's left eye swollen; first blow struck; got home on the chin and was heavily countered on the cheek twice, then on the nose. Bussy rushed in and Duffy went down in a rally at the ropes. Time 1.50.

Fourth Round—Duffy rushed in and got one in on the ribs, receiving a light one on the eye; he landed heavily on Bussy's sawdust eye, he landed heavily on Bussy's sawdust eye, Bussy got his head behind a clinch and Duffy down. Time fifty seconds.

Fifth Round—Bussy got in on the face; Duffy struck short and went down.

Sixth Round—Sparring; short. Duffy put one on the neck and went down to avoid punishment.

Seventh Round—Sparring; Duffy landed one in the face and was countered on the cheek; Duffy down; time 1.55.

Eighth Round—Hard fighting in Duffy's corner; short and heavy exchanges.

Ninth and Tenth Rounds—Duffy rushed in, striking hard on the eye and dropped.

Eleventh Round—Bussy bleeding at the right eye; a rally and Duffy got him in a corner, holding him near the ropes till Bussy was black in the face. Duffy fell under.

Twelfth—Duffy got home on the face, and got a ch-lo-roaster in exchange; he fell through the ropes.

Thirteenth—Clinch, but no blows.

Fourteenth—Bussy's left is smeller fearfully, but he got in a body blow. He received a stinger on the left cheek, rushed in and Duffy down.

Fifteenth to seventeenth—Sparring exchanges and Duffy down.

Eighteenth—Duffy led off on the nose; Bussy got him by the neck and held him on the ropes. Duffy down.

Nineteenth to twenty-fifth—A rush and body blows and Duffy going down to avoid punishment.

Twenty-sixth to twenty-ninth—Bussy's left eye

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THE COMMERCIAL is the largest daily paper in the State, and gives daily one-fourth more reading than any other paper in Pittsburgh. It is the only Pittsburgh paper that uses the telegraph liberally, gives full market reports, and all the news of the day.

As proof of the estimate placed on the market reports of the COMMERCIAL, we will state that they are regularly copied by the New York Economist, Shipping List, Iron Age, and other papers of this character in that and other cities, and that leading English commercial papers and circulars regularly reprint them with credit. There is within five hundred miles, hardly an Iron Factory, Oil Refinery, or leading manufactory of any kind that is not a subscriber to the COMMERCIAL, principally, because its reports are the only full and reliable given of the Pittsburgh markets.

AN eloquent and polished address, by Hon. B. H. BREWSTER, will be found on the third page this morning.

IT is to be hoped that the manufacturers of Pittsburgh will early take steps to insure the appointment of delegates to the Manufacturers' Convention, which meets at Cleveland on the 18th of December next. The manufacturers of Chicago have selected a strong delegation, and every city and town should do as they have done.

IT may not be generally known that in Sweden elementary education is almost universal, and that in that country, for nearly two hundred years, the ability to read and write has been indispensable to the assumption of the functions of citizenship. There this old monarchy leads the van in the elevation of the qualifications of its subjects, before committing to them that share in political influence and duties which are granted to its citizens.

THE most remarkable conversion on record is shown by the declaration by the *Tribune*, that it is universally hostile to "all plans of ultimate resumption through gradual contraction," and this extract from the same article:

"While we base resumption on neither expansion nor contraction, we would rather attempt it according to the latter than the former. We would oppose no expansion whatever."

Heretofore the *Tribune* has been for "resumption" by the speediest "contraction" possible.

## THE CITY TICKET.

The qualifications of the nominees presented by the late City Republican Convention, for the suffrages of the party at the ensuing municipal election, have been thoroughly discussed, and discussion has resulted in the conviction, in the minds of the great majority of our citizens, that the gentlemen named for the several offices are thoroughly competent for a proper and satisfactory administration of our municipal affairs. There have been ripples of agitation here and there on the political surface, but they are neither wide spread nor deep, and have not disturbed in the least the quiet of the solid mass of the party. It is not in the power of political parties to have an exciting canvass for important offices, and yet make nominations that will satisfy everybody and offend none. Such a thing has never been achieved in this city or county, (where a Republican nomination is always regarded as equivalent to an election,) and never can be. Even our Democratic opponents, while organizing for defeat, make scores of "soreheads," but they always muster their average strength on election day. Some of the Democratic leaders are even now deluding themselves with the idea that they might possibly walk into power in this Republican stronghold through the divided ranks of our party! Their rejoicings have been heard of late in unwonted places, but we shall not permit their shouts of victory to be heard in the very citadel of the "Banner County." The ticket presented will receive the cordial support of the party, not only on account of the fitness of the candidates for the faithful and honest discharge of their respective duties, but also for the reason that party organization and party discipline require it. In view of the great Presidential struggle which draws on apace, no man who sustains the party on principle will lend himself to any disorganizing schemes, and we hope that none will be mad enough to talk of setting up or countenancing so-called "independent" candidates. The ticket is a good one, and must and will be elected.

## REVISING OUR TAX LAWS.

The State Treasurer and Auditor General have been instructed to report to the next Legislature a revision of the revenue laws of the State. This work when finished and adopted by the Legislature will undoubtedly result in repealing the State tax upon all property appearing on the Assessor's books, and supporting the State Government by substituting taxation on corporations and the proceeds of license. This will not only take away the necessity on the part of the State authorities to reform our assessment laws in regard to the valuation of real and personal property appearing upon the Assessor's books, but will also remove all obstacles in the way of our county and local authorities for correcting our present assessment laws. Then it will only be for local purposes that these assessments will be used, and a correct cash value, as now contemplated by law, will be to the interest of all honest citizens. Heretofore, a stumbling block has always been that if our own county executes the law, according to its palpable intention, then we would pay more than our fair share of State taxation.

The old mode of supporting the State Government before the introduction of the canal system, was the same as is proposed in the contemplated reform. Pennsylvania had no State taxes, in fact, until she undertook the construction of Canals and Railroads. Now having sold her public works, she proposes to return to her old system of taxation.

We have on two occasions recently, discussed at length the inequality of our present assessment laws. Without traveling over the same ground again, we will simply add, that the statistical exhibit of our State, as contrasted with our sister States, has been shamefully to our disadvantage. The entire assessed valuation of the real and personal estate of Pennsylvania has been only $600,000,000, while Ohio and Massachusetts have each shown about $1,200,000,000 and New York $1,600,000,000. Now, that no motive will any longer remain, except to do equal and exact justice among ourselves, why should not the existing law be carried out in its fair intention, and the county of Allegheny, instead of making the contemptible return of $32,000,000, be assessed at its fair cash valuation of say $132,000,000. It should be done because it is the meaning and intention of the law on our statute book. Our assessing officers and boards of revision, in number about two hundred and thirty, all take a solemn oath to assess property at its cash value, and yet their assessments are at one-third, one-fifth, in some cases one-tenth of their cash value,—and certainly not less than $80,000,000 of personal property within this county, has never been returned; and of course is not on the Assessors' books and therefore pays no taxes.

In the city of Philadelphia this same contest has been going on for two years last past. Under the old system her valuation was about $170,000,000, and her rate of taxation four per cent., or forty mills on the dollar. Under the new, her valuation is $454,000,000 and her rate of taxation fourteen mills on the dollar, and of this nearly $100,000,000 is of personal property not before on the assessors' books. Her real estate is in the aggregate about two and a half times what it was under the old system. Suppose the same system of reform is carried out here, the real estate of Allegheny county would be assessed at say $80,000,000, and some $20,000,000 of personal property not now on the list would be added. Then instead of forty mills, we, too, would have to pay say fourteen mills for all purposes. Then we would be executing the laws, according to their letter and spirit. We would not be requiring two hundred and thirty of our citizens to violate their oaths in regard to the assessments of our property. We would not be demoralizing the whole body politic by administering what are sometimes called Custom House oaths. We invoke the attention of our Legislators, our county, ward, borough and township officials, to this much needed reform. It would of course create a hubbub for the time being, but every intelligent man knows that as now administered it is a great abuse.

## CIVIL RIGHTS.

In passing from "darkness to light," and in making a true progress, there will be different and successive stages. And we may really expect that there will be greater or less mental conflicts, sometimes amounting even to agony. Such exercises are usually looked upon as hopeful signs, and it is the duty of those who sympathize with the struggles of humanity in its search after light and its effort to gain a higher position, to aid in removing the hindrances and to give words of cheer and encouragement. Actuated by such considerations, we, observing the "hopeful signs" in the case of our friend of the only forlorn hope of the Democracy in Western Pennsylvania, venture to give a little help. It will be seen from the following that he is not far from the right place. A word or two changed and a failing corrected, and we may expect all to be right:

"There is no party in this country not disposed to accord to the African race all the civil rights, all the protection, all the equality before the law, possessed by our mothers, our wives, our sisters, our daughters, and our female friends. And in the name of justice, philanthropy, humanity and common sense is not this enough? Must they govern us too for 'to vote is to govern.'"

Now that is just so—of by "civil rights" is meant ALL civil rights. And the outrageous demand that negroes shall "govern us" ought never to have been—and as we think never has been "heeded," if it has ever been made—the very utmost that ought to be though of being that they might simply share in the government by which they are governed. It is well to remember that "voting" is the exercise not of a *natural* but a "civil right"—and the extension or limitation of the right is a question pertaining to civil policy—as well as natural justice. Impartial intelligent suffrage would seem to accord with both.

## A HOPE OF BETTER THINGS IN RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

We have heard some intimations that the powers that have heretofore been all potential at Harrisburg, are disposed to revise their programme and allow to other sections of the State a chance to build railroads for themselves. We sincerely hope if they are disposed to re-examine their policy that they will abandon entirely the restrictive system of the past. If they will do this in good faith, then nowhere else will they find a more hearty support to all legitimate extension of the Pennsylvania Railroad, than from this section of the State. The people of Western Pennsylvania will gladly sustain that road in every effort to extend its branches westward—even to the Pacific Ocean, if they are only allowed to develop their own sectional interest. This Pennsylvania Railroad is completed and in possession of a trade that we all desire should be extended and continued to that great avenue.

It is true, we want to see Southwestern Pennsylvania trade developed. We want to have a direct avenue, from the head of the Ohio to the capitol of the nation, opened up on the route projected by GEORGE WASHINGTON. But even if this route be opened, and the Pennsylvania road will give us a better market and cheaper and quicker transportation to the East than any other, then we will continue to use it.

We prefer to do our business with the commercial metropolis of this State, and if that great city will liberalize her policy, she can always control the trade of Pittsburgh. She stands in her own light in undertaking to *force us* to do what, if left to our choice, we would do. She has railroads to every point she desires. Why not allow Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania the same boon? We do not recognize that we are mere "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for any other community. Treat us as equals and seek to bind us by the cords of interest and sisterly affection, and you have our trade and kind regard into the bargain. We do earnestly hope that the business men of Philadelphia will encourage the controlling Railroad powers there to abandon their war upon the wishes of Western Pennsylvania. If so, we shall as gladly use our columns to restore the era of good feeling as we ever did to defend what we regarded as our commercial rights.

## EDUCATION IN CHINA.

It is said that in no country in the world is education so general as in China. Distinction in public life is indeed attainable only by scholarship. It is believed that in its educational system lies the germ of a wonderful growth and prosperity, which will be secured when depressing influences from other sources have been removed. The following from Mr. WALSH's "Lawyer in the School-room," is worthy of a thoughtful reading at this time:

"Their civilization,' says Titter, 'has been developed on peculiar lar forms and influences, and must be compared to, rather than be judged by, that of Europeans.' Similarity in a wide, grinding sea can possibly exist between two races of beings so different. Nevertheless, there are points of analogy by whom some of the most important inventions of modern Europe were anticipated—such as the compass, gunpowder, paper printing, and were known and practiced many centuries earlier; who probably amongst not more than 50,000,000 united in one system of manners, letters, and politics, those cities and capitals of the earth are the greatest metropolises of any age; who have not only covered the earth but the waters with towns and streets; such a nation must occupy a conspicuous place in the history of mankind and the study of their character and condition commends itself to every well-wisher of his race.' There is no nation of Europe that has anything more than a pigmy by the side of China. England leads all other European nations in commerce; but there is a greater amount of tonnage belonging to the Chinese than to all other nations combined. Prussia is supposed to have one of the best educational systems in Europe; but there is no school system in Europe that has stood the test of two hundred years even, and the Chinese system has stood the test of more than two thousand years. The Chinese are not a fighting people, and consequently in the Christian art of killing men they are countless behind the age. Although our knowledge of them is not perfect, we think it safe to attribute to their system of education their great adhesiveness, prosperity, and importance as a people, and their wonderful stability, antiquity, and consistency as a nation.

The picture is perhaps a little too high in its coloring, but it may be a question whether such an educational system and civilization is sufficiently taken into account in the Evangelizing missionary effort of the day.

## FRANCE IN ITALY.

The intentions of NAPOLEON with reference to Italy are a puzzle to most men. Why he should be to such cost to save the temporal power of the Pope from overthrow at the hands of uprising republicanism, is a question for which no adequate answer is ready. That the Empress in this matter is a power behind the throne, as strong as the throne itself, is more than suspected; but it is of a kind that cannot long prevail against overwhelming considerations involving the welfare of France. Says a Paris correspondent, speaking of the Emperor:

"Were he to crush Italy, to save the Pope, he would be destroying his own dynastic interests. No amount of concessions to the Church in France which has for a long while attach to it. But, apart from this perspective, there is a material dread in the way, to which the Emperor is fully alive. Of the Italian debt, upward of a milliard is held in France. The ruin of Italy would therefore be the ruin of hundreds of thousands of French citizens. Following close upon the losses inflicted by the Mexican loans, which was as stupendous a swindle as was ever perpetrated upon a people, the bankruptcy of Italy, by the failure of the Italian debt, would excite such a storm of indignation and discontent throughout the country that the system of personal government would soon yield before it. As it is, the evil complaints against a policy which is continually distributing their gratuitous alms and imposing losses upon the taxpayers of the Empire, is impossible to guard by any measure of prudence short of the suspension of their operations. It results have unfortunately been out of proportion to the moral sin which has fallen upon the trade of Paris during a period when, owing to the immense influx of foreigners caused by the Exhibition, it should have been in a state of unexampled prosperity."

## PRESIDENTIAL.

A Washington dispatch to the Philadelphia *Post*—Chase paper—says:

A movement is on foot to organize Chase Clubs here, which will embrace a number of the most prominent and influential men in the city, including several Senators and Members of Congress. It is said that a daily paper is to be started here to advocate Chase for the Presidency.

A dispatch to the Springfield *Republican* says:

Mr. Chase's friends say that he made a good hit by his recent visit to Richmond, and that he will carry the delegates from Virginia. The Republicans claim, on this account, Chase men in Congress are beginning to be in favor of the speedy reconstruction of the colored.

Another dispatch says:

The section of the Democratic caucus is repudiated by many members of the party. They say Stockton is about as poor a choice as could be made, and that he will not command, nor nominated, secure the full vote of the Democracy. If a Western man is not selected by their Convention for the Presidency, Horatio Seymour, of New York, will probably be put on their ticket for the Vice Presidency.

## Oil City and the Allegheny Valley Railroad.

The Oil City *Petrolian* states that the people of that city are rejoicing over the completion of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, and pays a merited compliment to the enterprise and energy of Col. Wm. Phillips, the President of the company. The citizeens hold that the Allegheny Valley Road is one of the most important for the best interests of not only Oil City but of the entire oil region of Pennsylvania, and are making preparations to take advantage of the large addition to their present business which the road will confer, and are sparing no pains to co-operate with the managers of the company. One million of barrels of oil are now awaiting shipment from the oil regions, the greater part of which will find its way to Pittsburgh by the Valley Road, whose capacity at the start will be four thousand barrels per day, but which will be increased as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

## Mrs. Lincoln's Fortune.

It should be remembered that the sum of $56,765 30, which was part of her late husband's estates, does not include $25,000 voted to her by Congress after her husband's death, nor the contributions received from other sources, of which $10,000 came from a single individual—Hon. Marshall O. Roberts, of New York. These would increase the share of property and moneys belonging to Mrs. Lincoln in her own right to at least $70,000, to say nothing of the goods and other personal property, valued at $24,000, which have been offered for sale in New York. In addition to this, it should be remembered that Mrs. Lincoln's two sons, though not as amply provided for as herself, are yet not dependent upon her for the means of support, but possess a sufficiency in their own right.

ATTENTION has been recently directed in religious circles to the character of the wine which is used or to be used in administering the Communion; and it has been strongly contended that no fermented wine should be used; that pure unfermented juice of the grape is the only proper material to be employed, and that the use of anything else is rather sacrilegious. It is doubtless greatly to be regretted that any of the spurious and villainous compounds which are often sold under the name of wines should ever be introduced into the sacramental service, but it may be a question how far the possibilities of providing unfermented juice of the grape may modify the demand for it, and whether the fact that this sacrament is to be administered everywhere and at all seasons may not indicate some error in premises which would lead to the conclusion that this and no other will fulfil the Divine requirement. The rejection of the claims of the "fermented wine," is, of course, in the interest of "total abstinence," but is a matter to be thought about, whether a good cause may not be injured by pushing conclusions to such an extreme. For our part on hand some would say that like the advocates of ritualism, the persons who hold to their idea adhere to the letter but reject the *spirit*.

NEARLY every Southern State has voted affirmatively on the question of calling a convention under the reconstruction laws. The next vote will be taken on the ratification of the constitutions. It is natural to suppose that the vote that called the convention will ratify their doings. On the convention question the policy of the conservatives has been to abstain from voting as the most direct way to defeat the proposition, but they will vote when the questions on the constitutions comes to be taken. But as a general thing, if not in every instance, they will fail. In Georgia, for instance, where an official count of the votes cast on the convention question has been made, the vote for a convention was 102,282, out of a total registered vote of 194,647. As the friends of reconstruction generally remained away from the polls or voted against a convention, the vote for ratification is likely to be as large as the vote for a convention. The law requires that a majority of all the registered voter shall vote for ratification, which in Georgia would be 94 324. It follows that we can afford to lose 7,958 of the votes cast for a convention, and still have votes enough to ratify the constitution.

COMMODORE VANDERBILT being one day asked what he considered the secret of success in business, replied: "Secret! There is no secret about it—all you have to do is to tend to your business and go ahead." All very good—but what about the many who seem to have no business to which to attend? How shall they find out what is their business? To the aimless and the shiftless this is the important matter. It is supposable, also, that success in business demands that when a man goes ahead, he is to be sure that at least the balance of probabilities favor the conclusion that he is right. Industry, energy, decision, promptness and dogged perseverance are always more likely to succeed than their opposites—and usually do secure success in all reasonable enterprises.

TWELVE hundred tons of steel rails have been laid in place of iron ones, on the Boston and Providence Railroad. At Roxbury, near the repair shop, there have been in one upward, of a year, at a point where one hundred and twenty trains or locomotives pass over them daily, and as yet there is no perceptible wearing away. Iron rails had to be relaid seventeen times a year at the same place. As fast as the iron rails wear out, on any portion of the route, the company intend to replace them with steel ones.

SPEAKER COLFAX has written a letter to an Alabama gentleman declaring that he believes the cotton tax ought to be and will be repealed." He says:

"When it was levied I thought that the high price cotton was then commanding would render the tax less burdensome than it has since proved. But as we do not tax other agricultural products, and as cotton is so valuable as an equalizer of exchanges, and is an article of such supreme necessity to so many millions, and as its culture in our country should be encouraged, I am decidedly in favor of abolishing the present direct tax on it; and the depressed condition of this staple will, I think, induce Congress to repeal it early in the session. Still, I can of course, speak for myself alone."

MR. DICKENS has arrived at Boston. He will give four readings there and then proceed to New York. The tickets sold in the first named city up to the limit long before the demand was supplied, and are held at a high premium.

THE way Mr. Lincoln conducted his affairs may be inferred from the fact that the debt due by the deceased amounted to just thirty-eight dollars and thirty-one cents.

THE *Daily Courier*, the rebel Democratic organ in Louisville, is not at all pleased with Sherman's speech before the "Army of the Tennessee." In fact, it "can find no words strong enough to express our indignation" at that part of General Sherman's speech wherein he wonders how "any Southern man can speak of the 'lost cause' in language other than that of shame and sorrow. The *Courier* insists that it is as impossible to connect infamy with the 'lost cause,' as it is to associate vice with holy religion. There is not a man" in the South, "but glories in, and is proud of, the part he took in the war." The *Courier* a few days since, was for Sherman as the Copperhead candidate for the Presidency on the occurrence of a certain emergency. It evidently is not now.

SPEAKING of the manufacture of artificial flowers a Paris letter writer says: France yearly "consumes,"—that is the word—artificial flowers of the value of $5,000,000. America is the best customer of France in these articles, taking in the same time $1,000,000, whilst $800,000 finds a market in Prussia, and $600,000 worth is sent to England. Germany is a customer to the extent of $400,000 and Italy for somewhat less. No less than thirty thousand French artisans are employed in flower-work, their wages being paid by two thousand professional fabricateurs. The females receive from two to four francs per day, the men from two francs fifty centimes to five francs per day.

## The Recent Boiler Explosion.

For the cause of boiler explosions, it is not necessary to go beyond the simple and obvious one, viz., that the steam is too strong, or the boiler too weak.

The fatal and popular belief that "a boiler won't" burst with plenty of water, leads to the conclusion, when that event occurs, that want of water has been the cause.

If water come in contact with hot iron, steam is generated, but suddenly in disastrous quantities, but gradually, and detectable by the safely-valve and other usual indications.

With singular love for the mysterious, cold water, in opposition to *heat*, is made the deadly material for boiler explosions. If the water would remain cold some benefit might acerne; but, unfortunately, it becomes hot before injurious action, or before any action, in the production of steam. Nine pounds of red hot iron is required to convert one gallon of water at 212 degrees into steam of like temperature, or atmospheric pressure; but with steam at 100 pounds above, or at a temperature of 290 degrees, upwards of twelve pounds of hot iron would be requisite—for steam by *weight*, under all pressures, is composed of the same proportions of heat and water. The latent heat or steam not shown by the thermometer, may be estimated by the requirement of five and a half times more heat to convert a given quantity of water into steam of atmospheric pressure than to raise the water to 212; for instance: If a gallon of water at 40 degrees is raised to 212 by 1 pound of fuel, it will take 5½ pounds additional to convert the same into steam. With respect to the alleged rapid, or instantaneous production of steam, by injection of water into a red hot boiler. The searching experiments of the Franklin Institute, of Philadelphia, about the year 1837, ought to be conclusive in quieting the popular opinion on this head; and recently a series of experiments in England for the same object, show an unexpected reluctance in the hot iron to transmit its heat to the water.

In the case of the destructive explosion of the Mozelle at Cincinnati, where the writer was at the time, the weight of popular opinion decided the boiler to have been red hot, which rested as the true cause—until the pieces of two boilers were found, connected by the "chock joint" or large iron washer at the fire end of the boiler—the joint or gasket of which was lead, and its place over the fire—yet the lead was perfect, with no signs of melting—showing the water to have been at least above the middle of the boiler.

It is scarcely necessary to advert to the nearly obsolete theory of hydrogen gas as the cause of explosions of boilers. B.

## Free Passes.

*To the Editor of the Commercial:*

A communication in your paper of Thursday last, on the subject of free railroad passes, signed "Stockholder," stated that some times "feels, sweats, or even fifty per cent." of the travelers in a car pay no fare. Two or three years ago the statement would have been literally true in regard to trains on some of the main roads in this State and in New York, especially during the session of the Legislature. The evil had grown to such an extent that the railroad operators brought the subject up in their meetings, and the result has been a very great falling off in free travel on the main lines. I think I could name at least one line of importance to this city, the officers of which fully appreciate their duty in this matter.

It requires no small degree of nerve for the President or Superintendent of a Railroad to set his face squarely against the pernicious custom of allowing free passes. He is beset by all sorts of people and all sorts of pretexts. One man claims a pass because he is a large shipper. He cannot see that the obligation, if any is mutual; he ships what and pays only a fair compensation for the service. He has no more right to ask a free pass than the President has to ask a free pass in his store for groceries or dry goods. Another asks a free pass because he was once a manager or promoter. Another, because he is a manager in some other corporation. Another, on the presumption that personal friendship will not permit a refusal. Another, because he was in the Legislature; and another, because he is a candidate for the position. The pretexts are endless, and most of the applicants think themselves the first refused. This subject is of more importance to the stockholders of some roads than may at first appear.

If a Railroad is just able to make money enough to pay interest on bonds, leaving nothing for the stockholders, the addition of ten or fifteen per cent., by cutting off the free list, would be a material advance in its prosperity. I consider it only fair and a word for the railroad officers, yes I fully agree with "stockholder" on the main points, as to dishonesty of the indiscriminate issuing of free passes and the universal abuse of many who accept them. With the exception of the members of the press, who benefit the road in a number of ways that cannot otherwise be compensated, let the railroads make no discrimination among travelers.

## Presidential Figuring.

The *Nation*, in an article discussing the Political Prospect in 1868, enters into the following details:

If Presidential electors had been chosen at the recent elections, the result would have been as follows:

| REPUBLICAN. | | DEMOCRATIC. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Illinois | 16 | California | 5 |
| Indiana | 13 | Connecticut | 6 |
| Iowa | 8 | Kentucky | 11 |
| Kansas | 3 | Maryland | 7 |
| Maine | 7 | New Jersey | 7 |
| Massachusetts | 12 | New Jersey | 7 |
| Michigan | 6 | Oregon | 3 |
| Minnesota | 4 | Total | 56 |
| Ohio | 21 | | |
| Rhode Island | 4 | | |
| Tennessee | 8 | | |
| Vermont | 5 | | |
| West Virginia | 5 | | |
| Total | 140 | | |

We have omitted three small States—Oregon, Kansas and Nevada—as they were not represented at the last election. Should they be represented, each chooses three electors. We think Nevada should be placed in the Republican column, and Oregon in the Democratic, making the vote 143 to 104.

If the Southern States should be admitted into the Union for the next election, their vote would probably be cast as follows [which we cast as follows, assuming that no change will be made in the law of suffrage:

| REPUBLICAN. | | DEMOCRATIC. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | 8 | Arkansas | 5 |
| Florida | 3 | Georgia | 9 |
| Louisiana | 7 | North Carolina | 9 |
| Mississippi | 7 | Texas | 6 |
| South Carolina | 8 | Virginia | 10 |
| Total | 33 | Total | 39 |

The vote in Georgia and Virginia would be very close if it were polled to-day and all voted. Possibly both might be carried by the Republicans on a full vote as they have been on a partial vote, but we doubt it.

## Whisky Frauds.

As an example of the frauds perpetrated on the revenue, a writer in a Philadelphia paper states some astounding facts. He gives the returns for the months of July, August, September and October, 1867, as 67,989 gallons. Upon these figures a tax of $135,978 was paid. He then goes on to show that the amount which the distilleries of this district are capable of producing in four months is 1,177,080 gallons, the tax on which would be $2,354,160. The amount, therefore, which the Government did *not* receive was $2,218,182! "But," he continues, "suppose we be liberal, and say that the Government was defrauded of only one-half of this, then we have $1,109,091; or let us be extravagantly liberal, and estimate that only one-fourth of this amount is unlawfully withheld from Uncle Samuel's pocket, and we, even then, have the snug sum of $554,545 50—more than four times the whole amount of tax paid in the fourth district on whisky during the four months in question."

THE English Government having gained possession as an adjunct to cheap postage, will locate a telegraph station at every town where the population exceeds a given number. It makes every postoffice where there is no telegraph office a station for the receipt of messages, which are to be forwarded to the nearest telegraph office. In the large cities there are to be numerous places where dispatches may be deposited, and which are collected hourly, as others are, and taken to the telegraph offices. All dispatches intended for transmission are to be enclosed in a letter envelope, duly stamped with letter postage. This is intended to protect the Postoffice Department from loss of its revenue. The messages to be always prepaid, either in money or by stamps, and to be sent to any part of the island at the rate of one half penny, or one cent, per word, without regard to distance.

WE learn from our foreign exchanges that an insect which not long since made its appearance in Madras has become a most alarming foe to vegetation. It is a kind of small grub, known as the Borer, which infests the coffee plantations, and in not a few instances utterly destroys them. On one estate four hundred thousand trees were killed in a single season, and some planters have been completely ruined. Not least remarkable is the fact that no warning is given; and the planter knows nothing of the havoc which the Borers are making until he sees the leaves on the trees turn yellow, and speedily perish. The prospect is not encouraging, and to make matters worse, the Borer has hitherto resisted all the attempts made for its extirpation.

THE audience that assembled at the doors of the New York Academy of Music Monday night was met by the announcement that no performance of opera would be given, as the management had decided to take efficient measures for resisting an organized strike on the part of a majority of the chorus singers. It appears that a notification that the strike was arranged was sent to the Academy only a short time prior to the usual hour for opening the doors. At 12 o'clock the weekly salaries were paid to the chorus and others engaged at the opera, and nothing then occurred to indicate that dissatisfaction was brewing in any department.

THE Albany *Evening Journal* discusses "the future policy of the Republican party" with much good sense, and insists that it would not be a "back down" so to change the reconstruction scheme as to reconstruct on a basis of intelligent suffrage and no disfranchisement. Instead of being a retreat it would be an advance, and it is a timely warning of the *Journal* that a refusal to make this change will produce a "revulsion of popular sentiment that will deprive the freedmen of even those franchises to which they are entitled, and which they are competent to use wisely."

## PERSONAL.

—The Springfild (Mass.) *Republican* says: Mrs. Lincoln has not yet done her most disgraceful act. She has now under serious consideration a proposition from a party of shoemen to put up her "sold clo" in a gift enterprise, while she goes through the country to deliver lectures and sell tickets for it. The story seems too absurd to believe, even concerning Mrs. Lincoln, but we have it from such a source that we cannot doubt its truth.

—Mrs. Sumner returned from Europe last week, and has taken rooms on Beacon street, Boston, which, it is understood, she proposes to occupy during the winter, though a Washington paper affirms that she will preside at her husband's table in that city. She is now on a brief visit to Lenox.

—The New York *Tribune* of the 16th states that Mr. Alexander T. Stewart will soon erect a block of dwellings uptown, to cost $1,000,000, and to be forever the home of the workingwomen of New York. It is not to be an almshouse, but a home—more extensive than the Workingwomen's Home on Elizabeth street, where women may find food and shelter at prices within their reach, and whatever revenue it may yield is to be employed in the erection of other like institutions. Mr. Stewart has also resolved to expend $5,000,000 in buying or erecting tenement houses on an improved plan, and to devise them to a Board of Trustees to be composed of one person from every religious denomination in the city, and the rents rented are to yield a revenue that shall be applied to the construction of other model tenement houses in that city perpetually.

—The contractors who built the Chicago tunnel and took the Hoosick tunnel, have failed and their contract has been annulled. Their bid was too low and they could not go on.

—Admiral Farragut was almost "smothered with kisses" by the ladies of the Court of the Queen of Sweden. His officers seem to have been less lucky, as their hair is only "treasured as souvenirs and laid away in gold lockets by many of the most elegant ladies of Stockholm."

—Jay Cooke, the great banker, was born in Sandusky, Ohio, and is forty-five years of age. His father was one of the earliest settlers of the place, a lawyer by profession, and at one time a member of Congress. The future banker, at the age of thirteen, was clerk in a store, and the next year left his home for St. Louis, "to seek his fortune."

—The widow of Sultan Selim III. died at Constantinople, October 21st, at an extreme old age. Her husband ascended the throne of Turkey in 1789, and married the deceased in her youth. She was reputed to be 120 years old, but this is thought to be an exaggeration; though she could not have been much less than a hundred years old, and possibly more.

—C. F. Hall, the famous Arctic explorer, was a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, and before the war published and edited a daily paper called the *Press*.

—In Rowan, N. C., is the grave of a Frenchman who lived and died there, asserting that he was the veritable Marshal Ney. His own account was that he was sentenced to death, but through the interference of friends at court the execution was a sham.

## Frightful Incident in Russia.

Roman *Invalide Russe*, a St. Petersburg paper of September 27th, is the record of a case of a peculiarly horrible character, which has just been heard before the criminal tribunal of Vladimir, Russia. A man named Kursin, a member of a numerous and fanatical sect called the Saviour, lately killed his own son and offered him as a sacrifice to God. The narrative in the Russian journal is as follows:—

"The doctrine of this sect consists in an absolute negation of all earthly property. An adherent possessing nothing whatever, is according to his notions everything around him is evil personified. Such ideas naturally prompt these unhappy men to acts of frightful despair. Of this the belief is the cause to constantly implore the mercy of the Saviour by every means, for it is He alone who can save them. The accused person, who was twenty-seven years of age, killed his son, a little boy of seven, in the conviction that the act would be acceptable to the Saviour. His own account of the crime is as follows: 'One night I felt so strongly that the human race had been perishing, that I could not get a moment's sleep. I rose and lighted all the lamps before the images of the saints, and throwing myself on my knees I fervently prayed God to save me and my family. Suddenly the idea came to me of saving my son from eternal damnation, for as this only child was a beautiful boy, and finer than most boys of his age, I feared that he would become, after my death, a child of hell, and I determined to sacrifice him to the Lord. Filled with this idea I continued to pray. I said to myself that if during my prayer the thought of sacrificing my son to God came to me from the right side I would execute it; if, on the contrary, it came from the left, I would give it up, for, according to our religious teachings, the thought which comes from the right is from our good angel, and that from the left is the instigation of the devil. After a long prayer the thought came to me from the right side, and I returned full of joy to the room where my son slept by the side of my wife. Knowing that she would oppose the sacrifice which I desired to offer to God, I sent her to the market to purchase provisions. When she had gone I awoke my child, and said to him, "Get up, my child, put on thy white shirt, that I may sacrifice thee." When he had done so I laid him on the bench, and stabbed him several times in the stomach. The child, in struggling, fell frequently upon the knife, and when found by his mother was dead. The fact that the child seems intending to end the lad's sufferings, cut the stomach open from top to bottom, but even then he lingered for a little while. The more frightful scene occurred just before sunrise. Kursin says that just as the child had breathed his last the first rays of the sun shone through the window, and in a moment of ecstacy he fell upon his knees and prayed God to mercifully receive this sacrifice. Kursin continued his narrative in these terms: 'Just as I had thrown the child before the images I saw that my son was lying in his blood, the door opened and my wife came in. She instantly saw what had been done, and uttered a cry of horror, she fell senseless to the ground. I raised her, and said to her, "Go to the Mayor and tell him all. I am going to give a fete to the saints." Kursin, after he had been in prison, severely refused all kinds of nourishment, and died of starvation before the sentence upon him could be executed."

WHAT WE PAY PHYSIOLOGICALLY FOR PLEASURE AND PAIN.—Every throb of pleasure costs something to the physical system; and two throbs cost twice as much as one, so that we cannot fix a precise equivalent, it is not because the relation is not definite, but from the difficulties of reducing degrees of pleasure to a recognized standard.

Of this, however, there can be no reasonable doubt, namely, that a large amount of pleasure supposes a corresponding large expenditure of blood and nerve tissue, to the straining, perhaps, of the active energies, and the intellectual processes. It is a matter of practical moment to ascertain what pleasures cost least; for there is a worthy and unthrifty modes of spending our brain and heart's blood. Experience probably justifies us in saying that the narcotic stimulants are, in general, a more extravagant expenditure than the stimulation of food, society, and fine art.

One of the safest of delights, if not very acute, is the delight of abounding physical vigor, for from the very supposition, the supply to the brain is not such as to interfere with the general interests of the system. But the theory of pleasure is incomplete without the theory of pain. As a rule, pain is a more costly experience than pleasure, although sometimes a concentrated shock to the spend-thrift pleasures. Pain is physically accompanied by an excess of blood in the brain, from at least the consequent interference of nervous action, and conflicting currents, both being sources of waste. The sleeplessness of the pained condition means that the circulation is never allowed to subside from the brain; the irritation maintains energetic currents, which bring the blood copiously to the parts affected. —*Prof. Bain.*

MR JONES, who intended taking his wife out for a drive one day, asked his milkman, who had a very spirited horse, for the loan of the same; which request was granted. However, Mr. Jones was not a good driver, and had great difficulty in managing the horse, which at last became frightened at the sight of the great horror of Mrs. Jones, bolted with them. Mr. Jones did not know what to do, and a serious accident seemed unavoidable, when, all of a sudden, Mr. Jones remembering the capacity for which the horse was used, and calling out with a stentorian voice, "Milk, oh! milk oh!" the horse stopped instantly, to their great joy, at this familiar cry, and Mr. and Mrs. Jones got home safely without any further incident, save that when they returned home in the evening, on passing a pump in the neighborhood, the horse put his head back into it until Mr. Jones got down and worked the pump handle a dozen times, after which operation it moved on directly; and, to finish off the day's pleasure, it stopped at all the houses of the milkman in the road where Mr. Jones lived, his house being at the further end.

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## The Financial Problem.

[From the Philadelphia Gazette.]

For our own part, we agree with the New York *Nation* in thinking that the bank currency ought to have been greenbacks, and we further think that if we are to have fifty or a hundred millions more of national banking capital, now is just the time to issue greenbacks to these new banks instead of bank notes. With the greenbacks there can be no such things as discount and par redemption, and probably that is the reason why New York is so strenuously opposed to that form of currency. If a popular vote were taken on the subject, we undertake to say that an immense majority would sustain the greenbacks. To the friends of the national banks (among whom we rank ourselves) we say, in all kindness and friendship, that all they say and do against the greenback currency only makes enemies for the banks. These institutions must be sustained by public sentiment, or they cannot be sustained at all. We say to them seriously that they are suffering some of their supersensitive advocates to pursue a course that may prove d

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OUR COUNTRY AND HER PUBLIC WORKS.

Address of Hon. B. H. Brewster,

Delivered at a Meeting of Excursionists, Held June 7, 1867, Near Fort Harker, Kansas, at the Western End of the Track of the Union Pacific Railway, Eastern Division.

MR. PRESIDENT, AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: With diffidence and reluctance I have consented to speak on this occasion. It has been the business of life for now near thirty years to speak in public, in the pursuit of my profession and for other purposes of a kindred public nature, but I never felt as I was more out of place, or that I had a task so ill suited to me that I was less able to accomplish, than I do of speaking to this object and before this respectable assemblage of ladies and gentlemen. We have gathered in from the cities on the sea, from the large inland towns of the Middle and Western States, from the great metropolis on the banks of the Father of Waters, from the new cities that are springing to life in the wilderness as if by the touch of a necromancer's wand, and here we are in large tent far out on the Plains beyond the geographical center of the continent, attended by the few general officers and soldiers who have saved our country—protected and cheered by our brilliant symbol of our nation's glory and renown. Here we are, where only ago a hurricane of buffaloes enveloped the with clouds of dust, and made the earth with their fierce charges—here we are, after days' journey, almost beneath the shadow of Rocky Mountain, with a gigantic railway marching on the shores of the Pacific. To speak to you of enterprise of uniting the two oceans by an iron and to so speaking to convey to the minds of a people a proper conception of this majestic , is the object of this meeting. We were brought to see and then to testify; and this is the reason on which we are called to bear witness, merely to say all that we feel and to describe all we have seen would hardly be within the power ords. To express the whole train of reflection those sights have excited would carry us back those days when America was unknown. We have to look back beyond 1492 and remember European civilization was then, and what ge America was then. Reaching that, we shall, by step, with hurried strides, sweep on to where now are; see and feel what grand things we have and what grander things we are doing when ave thus subdued this wilderness, and created a and people civilization than Europe ever . Our great works are such as these, bunt no conquests over or subversion of dynasties. We exhibit no buried capitals or marble palaces, to build a million peasants starved. We show a nation filled with a happy, prosperous, honest ple, and show works of engineering the like of h the world never before exhibited in boldness nception of skill in execution. These public s, after all, are the only true monument of a on's career, and signalize the national genius, their countries and in all ages they have been erated by public authority and at vast cost, commemorated the reigns of great sovereigns, rectified to the subjugation of the peoples. Here e enterprise and bold public spirit prompts ividuals to attempt and effect that which in other ge is to be done by monarchs alone. Companies of le adventurers in free Commonwealths have ntleness effected that which the treasury of an re could not have achieved. Think for a moment of the great commercial enterprises, vast mines ories, and stupendous public works that have England all that use is, and remember that were all made by private citizens, stimulated hold spirit and a sense of public duty. It made and a glowing planet in a sky filled with glimmering constellations. It was because her institutions were of a nature of a free commerce and because individual rights above privileges, and thus although the subject to deeds of more than royal dignity she daring. While I thus casually invite your ion to this train of thought, let us not leave at look still further back—look to the free communities of the great past; look to Athens in her , in the full and political; look to Carthage; look to Venice and to Genoa; look to the cities of the Continent in the Middle Ages; look to that of rose from the sea and crowned herself with jewels, "the wealth of Ormus or of Ind," crowned herself with jewels, "the wealth of Ormus or of Ind," crowned her free institutions and her free spirit, fostered individual enterprise and protected individual genius; and then let us look at our glory and grandeur, and say if all these things were not fruit of free institutions, that recognized and acted liberty of conscience, the right of private ment, and free om of speech. All history in past, as well as our own grand example, cries Yes! All this has been given, and will be added in the great future that lies before us. Now let me here, in rambling and desultory fashion, follow these gests in another direction. I have said that great works are the only monument of a nation's history, and are types of its genius. And not also the only living evidence handed to posterity of civilization? Go to Egypt, which her pyramids of which the great Napoleon said, "All inspiring words—Soldiers, from top of you Pyramids forty centuries look down you," and Jerusalem, with her majestic temple the great Jehovah, Athens, with her Parthenon and her statuary, almost divine in its beauty force of expression, and her sublime works of ecture, beyond which the skill of all succeeding generations has never gone or never will go, and great works of public use fulness; China with her endless wall and h r vast canals; Babylon, the of the plains, the city of Semyramis and of ar, with her enormous defenses, her luxuries with its hundred brazen gates, and it: ingenity in flowing through it controlled and directed by ribunan engineering skill—her temple of Belus, mptuous palaces, her hanging gardens and r fabulous tunnel under the Euphrates; India, with its mysterious temples and her vast palaces, gorgeous and florid with their Oriental grandeur; e, with her temples, her columns, her ts, her majestic ways stretching out, our ways stretch out, into the savage her aqueducts, her Coliseum, her cathedrals; Gothic Europe, rising from the night the desolation humanized by the superhuman mysterious power of, his fan faith, and leaving her trace of its only thoughts the institution of laity and the sublime cathedrals and ministers to this day as sound all beholders, and which can hardly imitate, and never can improve on

The first evidence of modern civilization d the first plentiful accumulations of a race of ized savages, inspired by the sublime power of ir faith, were the canals of France and Italy—works of architecture are and art that make glorious ir own Rome of the Empire and Conquest, but e of the Holy Church of Christianity. And land—not the Batavians and the low lands alone of her fens, but the Christianized bold thinkof her Icnic Church. Protestant Great Britain erty—Holland, herself a country every inch of s we rescued from the sea by stupendous works engineering skill. Think, too, of the romantic architecture that lie scattered in the far-off recesses of South and Central America, and works with which Mexico was adorned when e invaded it with his brutal soldiery, and huge temples that towered in majestic ness of an Pizarro, with his handful of adventers, cast down the idol of the Inca and exalted ir own. Think of all this, and we must say that not nations only perpetuate their names. They e those works and monuments; facts that tes to their being and their thinking. All else is ong as conjecture. Let us, then, hopeful as we continue as we began, with troubles so good, ed by private wealth, with works of public use s constructed by private enterprise and private ns, but fostered by liberal public donations. In beginning here the States were obliged to embark hese works, but even then, when the necessities young people required the power of the State obstruct them—even then they led to serious and certain losses, and we in the school that characze the practical workings of free institutions, re abandoned, and the State only intervened courage and protect, as the Government should ter to encourage by generous donations, its ingenious work. Our great enterprises of the face of our nation; our coast is ed with safe and commodious harbors; natural ages have been improved by science and art; inland rivers have been made navigable; canals nect at cafts and open ways to market; railroads ss the continent, and pierce our mountains, and bind with bands of iron. We would have been long ago to discord had it not been for their fosing influence. Here I will not have connected ese works as we never could have overcome ance with and bloody rebellion, but we should ve united in the bonds of affection and relation—the descendants of the emigrants to the and the people of their fathers in the East e were they kept together in one common e more strongly because they were bound by the ples of a common pedigree. Iron ways pre- and facilitate intercourse between friend and gave facilities for commercial, social and political commerce, for the exchange of products, and for commemorating the reigns of great sovereigns, rectified to the subjugation of the peoples. Here e enterprise and bold public spirit prompts ividuals to attempt and effect that which in other ge is to be done by monarchs alone. Companies of le adventurers in free Commonwealths have ntleness effected that which the treasury of an re could not have achieved. Think for a moment of the great commercial enterprises, vast mines ories, and stupendous public works that have England all that use is, and remember that were all made by private citizens, stimulated hold spirit and a sense of public duty. It made and a glowing planet in a sky filled with glimmering constellations. It was because her institutions were of a nature of a free commerce and because individual rights above privileges, and thus although the subject to deeds of more than royal dignity she daring. While I thus casually invite your ion to this train of thought, let us not leave at look still further back—look to the free communities of the great past; look to Athens in her , in the full and political; look to Carthage; look to Venice and to Genoa; look to the cities of the Continent in the Middle Ages; look to that of rose from the sea and

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## CITY MATTERS.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—The residence of Wm. Bryson, on Sandusky, was sold at Sheriff's Sale, auctioneer, yesterday, for $4,000.

THE GYMNASIUM BUILDING.—The new German Gymnasium building is rapidly approaching completion. The outer door is nearly completed and the inside is nearly ready for plastering.

THEODORE THOMAS IN ALLEGHENY.—The Allegheny Literary Association announce a lecture by Theodore Thomas, on the subject of Being the Wind Through Which Music Moves, at Lecture Hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 5th. Mr. Thomas is a popular lecturer, and will be greeted by a large audience.

HARPER FOR DECEMBER.—Harper's Monthly for December, contains the usual amount of excellent reading, both interesting and instructive, and beautifully illustrated. It is for sale at Gildenfenny's, 41 Fifth street, at Miner's, 71 and 73 Fifth street, and at Pittock's, opposite the Post-office.

GRAND FAIR.—The new military company organized in Allegheny—the Heath Zouaves—will give their first grand ball to-night, in Lyric Hall, the proceeds to be applied to uniforming the company. A lively time will be in attendance, and a pleasant time is anticipated.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—A mass temperance meeting will be held in the South common M. E. Church, Allegheny, this evening at half-past seven o'clock, under the auspices of the Corinthian Temperance Society. A number of the wit orators of the cause of temperance will be present and address the meeting.

FUNERAL OF COL. MILLER.—The funeral of the late Col. Wm. L. Miller, whose death has been announced in our columns, took place on Tuesday afternoon from his late residence at Port Perry, and was one of the largest ever witnessed in that vicinity. The body was interred in the family burying ground at Beulah Church.

PROCEEDSING.—The laying of the water pipes in the Fifth and Sixth wards, Allegheny, (formerly Manchester,) is progressing very finely, and it is thought that the greater portion of the work will be completed before very cold weather sets in. The grading and paving of the different streets in the late borough are also being prosecuted with vigor.

CLASSES AT Y. M. C. A. ROOMS.—A class will be formed at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, No. 23 Fifth street, this evening, by Prof. Langley, of the Western University, on "Physical Geography." Lectures, with Recitations from Text Books." The class will meet at the rooms every Thursday evening.

ACCIDENT IN ALLEGHENY.—A young man named J. Agnew, while engaged at work on the roof of the new Skating Rink, now in progress of erection on Robinson street, Allegheny, on Tuesday afternoon slipped and fell from the roof to the ground, No bones were broken, but he was badly bruised and sustained severe internal injuries. He received prompt medical assistance, and was removed to his home in East Liberty in a carriage.

A YOUTHFUL PICKPOCKET.—A lady while making some purchases in the Allegheny market on Tuesday, felt a hand in her pocket. She turned suddenly around and discovered a boy, apparently about six-teen years of age, attempting to withdraw her pocket-book. Seizing him by the collar of his coat, she slapped him two or three times on the face, knocking him over. He immediately got on his feet and started at a quick pace up the street. A policeman followed him, but the boy escaped into an alley and nothing more was seen of him.

ROBBERY AT A BOARDING HOUSE.—The boarding house of Mrs. C. F. Buchman, on Diamond alley, near Smithfield street, was robbed on Tuesday of a number of articles. Entrance to the house was broken open and three dollars in money and a pair of pants taken out. A coat and pair of pants belonging to boarders, were also stolen. Suspicion in the case is a young man who gave his name as Martin Luther, who came there about a week ago, and left suddenly about the time of the robbery. He has not been seen since.

RECOVERY OF SUPPOSED STOLEN GOODS.—Officer Brenneiser of the Mayor's police, yesterday afternoon recovered at the house of a colored woman in Birmingham, a number of articles which were left there by Johnson, the jail-breaker, who was arrested in connection with Walters and Dunlap. The articles consist of a bag filled with socks, a pair of pants, pair of drawers, shirt, a set of dominoes, boots &c., all of which are at the Mayor's office awaiting identification. The colored woman, at whose house the articles were found, says that Johnson visited her house three times after he broke jail, and on these visits left the articles for safe keeping.

SOLDIERS' LEAGUE MEETING.—A meeting of the Allegheny County Soldiers' League was held on Tuesday evening, at their rooms in Quincy Hall, Allegheny. The thanks of the League were tendered to the Brass of Brass Band, Orchestra and Thompson, and Chas. Rumsey, for donations in their respective lines to the library. A committee was appointed to make preparations for the formal opening of the library to the public, under the proposed plan of membership, on Thanksgiving Day, (Thanksgiving Day) was selected, and the committee was instructed to procure as profitable performance as possible on the meeting on that occasion. Some business of a miscellaneous and unimportant character was then transacted, after which the League adjourned.

### Accidental Shooting.

Mr. Henry Murray, a glass-blower, residing in East Birmingham, in company with a friend, proceeded on a hunting expedition, on Tuesday, in Baldwin township. Each man carried a loaded shot gun. While in the act of climbing across a wooden fence, the trigger of Mr. Murray's gun accidentally caught in a bramble and the gun discharged itself, a portion of the shot entering the left side of his shoulder. This was occasioned by the loss of blood that he almost fainted before the wound could be attended to. By this compulsion succeeded in doing, and with his aid the injured man managed to reach the farm house of a friend near by. Medical assistance was procured as soon as possible.

### Fatal Railroad Accident.

An accident occurred early yesterday morning at the Round House of the Pennsylvania Valley Railroad, resulting in the instant death of a young man named Wm. McCracken, employed as a brakemen on the freight train attached to engine No. 34. While in the act of his train was employed in switching cars at the time mentioned, and McCracken was standing on the locomotive. While it was backing slowly after some cars, he slipped off and fell upon the ground in front of the tender. It is supposed that he slipped on some ice, as he got on the tracks. The engine fell upon his body, rail and the wheels of the tender passed over his body, killing him instantly. The remains of Mr. — were taken up and conveyed to his home. An inquest was held on the body by Coroner Clawson, and the jury returned a verdict of accidental death, exonerating the company from all blame. The deceased was about fifteen years of age and resided in Lawrenceville.

### Our Iron Mills.

It is scarcely necessary for us to say that the iron business of Pittsburgh is decidedly dull at present, in a fact well known here, and generally throughout the steel centers. Orders for iron and nails have been extremely limited of late, and the rolling mills and nail factories are running only to supply immediate orders. All of the mills in the city are now engaged in rolling plate, and another temporarily suspended in nailing until such time as orders become more plenty. The only notable exception to a partial operation, should business show any encouragement, but the present stagnation is endless, or should be limited to many until further timely. A total suspension for a time is not to be anticipated. The tendency appears to be a decline in price of bars, but the effect will be most severely felt among those who carry over the least amount by way of selling in it, and the branches of trade in which the material is largely used. Even such a change would no doubt prove beneficial, as it is not expected by the iron manufacturers that even this will permanently benefit the business.

### The Relief Fund.

Acknowledgement of additional subscriptions:

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| James McArthurs.. | $ 20 | Pennsylvania Iron Works | 100 |
| Geo Nixon | 100 | Works and employees | 178 25 |
| Wm Phillips | 100 | H. Stoe. New Castle | 100 |
| Jas Patterson | 100 | Clerks | 100 |
| Wm Thaw | 100 | Stollmeyer, Palmer & Co | 100 |
| Col Bed ford | 50 | Mrs Magee & Co | 10 60 |
| D Duncan | 20 | J Henderson & Bro. | 10 60 |
| P Armstrong | 20 | Mrs Magee & Co | 10 60 |
| Jas Thompson | 10 | Wm Magee & Co | 10 60 |
| Mr Garth | 10 | C C Moore | 10 60 |
| Fulton Iron Works | 20 | Mrs Schoyer | 5 00 |
| J Bell & Co | 5 00 | Kellogg | 5 00 |
| Jas Parke | 5 00 | Mrs Bell | 5 00 |
| Jno Scheiber | 50 | Jno Scheiber | 50 |
| W W Young, master | 5 00 | Mrs Reader | 2 00 |
| Lawrenceville Savings Bank | 20 | Cash | 5 75 |
| Employees Eagle Cotton Mills | 20 | Union Mills | 175 |
| Employees Eagle Cotton Mills, Allegheny Co. | 60 00 | Employees lower mill | 174 00 |
| Jno Boyd & Co | 100 | Employees upper mill | 174 00 |
| T Boyd & Co, Boiler Co | 100 | By R C Mash rec'd, agent, from employees of Brick Co | 55 00 |
| Boiler Co | 50 00 | Oil Works, Chas Anderson & Co at Transfer Station, Water street | 192 00 |
| Mrs Irons, Boiler Union, Birmingham and Mrs Knight & Co's employees | 62 50 | Geo Bowers | 5 00 |
| Henry Lambert | 5 00 | Employees Pennsylvania Cotton Mills | 67 95 |
| Loge I O O F | 25 00 | Total | $1,523 15 |
| Employees Birmingham, Keg & Co's Foundry | 25 00 | Amount previously reported | 9 655 15 |
| Iron Rollers Union No 1, Pittsburgh | 50 00 | Total | $10 574 90 |

### Court Proceedings.

SUPREME COURT.

Court met at nine o'clock yesterday morning. Present—Judges Thompson, Story, Reed and Agnew.

Joseph T. Power, of Pittsburgh, on motion of A. M. Watson, Esq., was duly admitted and qualified to practice in this Court.

Stewart et al. vs. Wilson, Lawrence county. Argued by Taylor for appellant.

Anderson's heirs, Appeal, Washington county. Argued by David Wilson, Esq., for appellants and by Montgomery contra.

Jones vs. Hopkins, Allegheny county. Submitted by Wood for plaintiff in error and by Hopkins and Lemar contra.

Tripp et al. vs. Hilton, Venango county. Argued by Sypes for plaintiff in error and by Hendricks contra.

Hill et al. vs. Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad Co. In equity. Decree entered.

QUARTER SESSIONS—JUDGE STOWE.

Court met at ten o'clock yesterday morning. The case of the Commonwealth vs. John Birch, Henry Lane and Wm. Anderson, on an indictment charging them with riot, reported as on trial yesterday, was taken up. The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty, the defendants to pay the costs.

The cases of th Commonwealth vs. George Beaumont, John Beaumont and Frank Tire, for agravated assault and battery, on oath of Edward Lord; Commonwealth vs. Frank Tire, indicted for assault and battery on oath of Wm. Lord; and the Commonwealth vs. George Beaumont and Frank Tire for agravated assault and battery, were called together. The difficulty occurred on the 16th of July last, in Shaler township, on election day. The parties, it appeared, were drinking together, and became involved in a quarrel about paying for it. The jury found a verdict of guilty in the case of Frank Tire; George Beaumont and Frank Tire the jury found a verdict of guilty of simple assault and battery. In the other case a verdict of not guilty was rendered. Geo. Beaumont, one of the defendants, to pay the costs.

LARCENY OF A POCKETBOOK.

Charles Bower was placed on trial charged with the larceny of a pocketbook containing four five dollar treasury notes, from a German named John Weger. The prosecuting witness stated that on the 20th of June last he visited several beer saloons in company with the defendant, and after leaving town, when about half a mile from town he missed his pocket-book and accused Bower of stealing it. They looked for it and a man named John Walker, who was with them, picked it up in the road and there was no money in it. No one was searched for the money. The witness stated that he felt Bower taking the money from his pocket.

COMMON PLEAS—JUDGE STOWELL.

In the case of W. H. Byers vs. Henry Schmidt; reported on trial yesterday, the jury found a verdict for plaintiff for $301 50.

Edward Lynch and Henry Lang for use of deary Lang vs. F. Gondy; verdict for plaintiff for $279 21. Motion for a new trial.

Metzarner vs. J. A. Herron: verdict for plaintiff for the sum of $95 95.

W. K. McCance vs. E. W. Hays; jury withdrawn and non-suit ordered, with leave to move to take the same off.

Patrick Rice vs. R. Hamilton, Captain steamer Pine Grove; verdict for plaintiff for $20.

David Powell vs. Patrick Pitatch. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

No. 42—Sept. List.; Sellers vs. Byers.
No. 69—Sept. List; Mathews & Smeltzer.
No. 99—Kaiserberg vs. Miller.
No. 103—Bailey vs. Hastings.
No. 104—Musgrave vs. Hasbrook.
No. 105—Rose vs. Duncan.
No. 106—Carter & Bros. vs. Lafferty.
No. 107—Irwin vs. Adams Express Co.
No. 108—Dougherty vs. Dougherty.
No. 109—McMahon vs. McMahon.
No. 110—Scott vs. Schmitz et al.
No. 111—Dalmier & Beyerington vs. McCauley & Fisher.
No. 112—McIntosh vs. Seltzer & Hall.
No. 113—Coyle vs. Hart.
No. 116—Bender & wife vs. Pittsburgh Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railway Co.

Causes on the docket that will not be passed or continued except for special reasons not existing before they are passed on the list.

## PITTSBURGH AND STEUBENVILLE RAILROAD.

### Sale Confirmed Absolutely.

### Decree of the Supreme Court.

The long suit we reported fully the facts connected with the sale of the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad, under the decree of the Court of Common Pleas of the Pennsylvania R. Road Company. When the report of this sale was made by the Trustee, Mr. McElrath, to the Supreme Court, it was objected and exceptions filed to the decision, but if exceptions were not filed within the 20th of November, the sale would become absolutely.

Yesterday morning, in the Supreme Court, Messrs. Montgomery and Lemmon, of the Washington county bar, presented a petition on behalf of John Ralston, Thomas Huston, J. McKnight, G. Vanneman, Dr. W. Duncan, William Criss, J. McBurney, M. and A. Pierce and John M. Farland, alleging that they had obtained judgments in the Court of Common Pleas of Washington county, amounting in the aggregate to $45,000, both the sum on a recovered against the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad Company, for unpaid labor and work, and praying the Court that, that the Trustee be ordered to pay the Court so much as is sufficient to cover those bonds; secondly, that a condition money, according to the Chancery be appointed to report to the Court a distribution of the purchase money, according to the legal and equitable rights of the parties.

The counsel of the several parties asked the Court to hear them as to the validity of the exceptions presented. Judge Lowrie said that he, they asked the Court to fix a day for hearing the case.

Mr. Black, for the petitioners, attorney for the Trustee, said on his behalf he objected to any delay in the confirmation of the sale, as the interests at stake were too important to admit of delay. All that was asked of the Court for a confirmation of the sale, allowing that the parties would have an opportunity to argue before the Master, upon the question of distribution, to fix their claims for payment out of the fund. He said the Trustee had received $25,000 from W. J. Howard, sufficient to pay the debts which was more than ample to cover the claims, in particular to the amount of interest in establishing their right to the money.

Judge Lowrie then announced the opinion of the Court made the following order:

And now, to-wit: November 20th, 1867, it is ordered that the sale of the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad, made to Mr. J. Howard, Esq., for $1,980, the report of which was filed in this Court on the 20th day of November, ultimo, be confirmed absolutely; without prejudice, however, to the rights of any lien creditors. Mr. Farland, John Russell, Thos. Huston, Joseph McKnight and A. Pierce, Dr. W. Duncan, Mr. Criss, J. McBurney, W. and A. Pendit, and John McFarland, who have filed their claims for record as a statement of their several exceptions to the confirmation of the sale, are hereby directed to participate in the proceeds of sale.

The Court intimated that a Master would be appointed to hear and report upon the exceptions filed to the sale, the question will be decided, whether the parties will be entitled to the benefit of the proceeds of the sale of the railroad under the mortgage of 1857. We are assured that the confirmation makes the sale complete in every particular, and that the only parties that can now come in to dispute the sale, other than those named in the decree, are the expectants.

## NEW RAILWAY PROJECT.

### The Allegheny City and Snyder's Hollow Passenger Railway Company.—One-Half of the Capital Stock Subscribed.

The project of constructing a passenger railway from the Allegheny Diamond through the Second ward to Snyder's township, has been fairly projected in the residents along the route for some months, and culminated in a public meeting of citizens being held yesterday afternoon in Mr. Grey's Hotel, on Ferry street, for the purpose of giving a general expression of opinion in regard to the matter. The meeting, which was largely attended, was organized at three o'clock, by the election of Wm. S. Bissell, Esq., as Chairman, and Jos. Reed as one of the press reporters.

PROSPECTS OF THE ROAD.

The Chairman stated that the object of the meeting, and called upon Wm. G. McCreery, Esq., for some remarks. Mr. McCreery stated that the road was a necessity, and should be constructed next spring. He had conversed freely with a number of capitalists and property holders, and was satisfied that the full amount of the capital stock would soon be taken—in fact, eight gentlemen had already signified their willingness to subscribe one thousand dollars each towards the enterprise. The estimated length of the line was one mile and a half, and the probable cost would be from $60,000 to $70,000. Christian Koontz, the President of the Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Manchester Railway Company, had proposed to run the road, as a feeder to this line, for one-third of the net profits. He had also agreed to put the cars and horses and conductors on the charge of this company or in case a new charter should be asked for by objections to it. Mr. McCreery said that the most important matter to be decided on at the present time was that as adopted, and while he favored the Snyder's Hollow project, he was willing to hear what the friends of other routes had to say.

THE ROUTE TO BE SELECTED.

Mr. Windsor suggested that it would be better to continue the road along the Pine Brighton turnpike, it being the main avenue leading from the city, and only a three degree grade to overcome.

Mr. Gallagher had examined the Snyder's Hollow or Pleasant Valley, and came to the conclusion that it had been laid out by nature for a railroad. Besides the Manchester Company objected to taking the road up a hill.

Mr. Israel V. Hoag said that every man would like to have the road pass his door, but the only question now to be considered is the most practicable and feasible and which will be the best patronized. A level piece of ground extended from Federal street to Hillman's cemetery through the Second ward, and a there would only be two curves to the entire distance. Taking the ground into consideration, the Snyder's route, he thought that route should be adopted. The grade proposed by the friends of the Allegheny turnpike route.

Mr. McCreery remarked that if the road was built up Snyder's Hollow, the Cemetery gate could be reached by the Allegheny Railroad Company's cars. Many persons residing on the line of the Perrysville Plank road, desired that the always should extend to the Plank road. He had no doubt but that a line would thus be secured sufficient to pay the interest on the investment.

Mr. Hoag said that if the Snyders' Hollow route was completed he would give all the ground required for the cutting of Diamond alley. He thought the only objection to this route was the curves. He believed that very little trouble would be experienced in getting the right of way. If Mr. Rice would permit it to pass through his property.

Mr. McCreery stated that Mr. Reed was not only favorable to the road, but would assist in obtaining the right of track. Houses were springing up daily along the route, and a large number of eligible building lots would be in the market in the spring.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the following committees were appointed:

On Right of Way—Messrs. Israel V. Hoag, Wm. M. Clancy and J. Morgan.

On Cost of Road—Messrs. Wm. G. McCreery and John Kirkpatrick.

On Meeting with Manchester Passenger Railway and Allegheny Councils—Messrs. Wm. S. Bissell, Jos. Reed and Christian Koontz.

It was also proposed to appoint a committee to solicit subscriptions to the capital stock, but it was stated that the stock could not be sold until the route had been selected.

Mr. Gallagher said that he wanted the road built, and would subscribe for $25,000 of the stock. In his opinion the only question was as to the grade.

SNYDER'S HOLLOW ROUTE ADOPTED.

Mr. McCreery moved that the following route be adopted; start at Allegheny Diamond, proceed up Federal street to North avenue, along North avenue to Monterey street, up Monterey street to Jackson street, down Jackson street to Penn's street, and along Penn street to the uppermost of Snyder's Hollow. This route was unanimously adopted.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE CAPITAL STOCK.

Mr. McCreery offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved*, That no subscription shall be binding on parties to it unless one-half of the capital shall of subscribed in this meeting.

Mr. Gallagher then came forward at twenty-five dollars each, after which the Chairman announced that he had received subscriptions amounting to ten thousand dollars, and that one-half the amount required to build the road, was immediately subscribed. Mr. Gallagher then came forward and paid up the subscription of ten thousand dollars.

The meeting then adjourned, as the project would develop that part of the city through which the road would pass, and the property owners could take some steps for the purpose of securing the right of way.

The meeting then adjourned until Wednesday evening, when it will be called to order at the same time and place.

### Police Intelligence.

[Before Alderman McMasters.]

LARCENY BY BAILEE.

MARY MAHOOE came before Alderman McMasters yesterday and made information against Wm. Wilson, a boarder with her, charging him with persistently keeping a shirt she loaned to him. The prosecutrix alleged that on the Fourth of July last the defendant borrowed the shirt, and refused to return it. Several times, and expressed a wish to celebrate the day by wearing a clean shirt, had no shirt. She magnanimously loaned him the shirt of a man belonging to the Fifth ward police, but the defendant kept the shirt, and from that day to this has refused to return it. A warrant was issued.

CASE SETTLED.

Wm. Livingston, and John Dunbar, the two cloth line dealers charged with false pretenses on oath of Samuel Kreppes, were brought before the Alderman yesterday for a hearing. Mr. Kreppes withdrew the charge, and the defendants paid the money in be allowed to the by for the costs.

[Before Alderman Strain.]

ALLEGED LARCENY.

Mrs. Catharine Whalen appeared yesterday and made an information against Ellen Mills, charging her with the larceny of a quantity of clothing, &c. Mrs. Whalen stated that the defendant left the employment of the prosecutrix on Saturday last, and during the night carried away the articles mentioned. The defendant was employed as a domestic in her family. In the month of August the defendant left the employment of the prosecutrix, and subsequently returned and stole seven yards of calico belonging to Mrs. Whalen and a pair of boots. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the accused.

Elizabeth Ravenetta and Jane Deeny entered cross suits against each other for assault and battery. The parties reside in Allegheny. Elizabeth alleges that Jane entered her house on Saturday last, broke in the door, thereby knocking her down, and that she struck her violently after she was down. On the other side, Jane alleges that Elizabeth struck her first, and that she also raised no such disturbance as charged by her opponent. Both parties were arrested and held to bail for a hearing.

WANTS HIM.

Andrew Fontaine, bar keeper at Gazzola's saloon, on Wylie street, entered suit against Edward McGowan for assault and battery, alleging that the latter committed the assault on Saturday night with the month. A hearing was had in the case, which resulted in the discharge of the accused.

COMMITTED TO JAIL.

James Barrett had a hearing on the charge of surety of the peace preferred by Patrick Fox, which resulted in his committal to jail for trial.

Patrick Fox, Ann Fox, Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Brenan, charged with assault and battery, on oath of Jane Barrett, also had a hearing, and for want of sufficient evidence the parties were discharged, the prosecutor to pay the costs.

[Before Justice Arent, of Allegheny.]

BOUND OVER AND RELEASED ON BAIL.

Valentine Herschman, who was committed to jail on the 15th inst., on a charge of assault and battery preferred by Joseph Schmidt, was released on bail.

[Before Alderman Thomas.]

FALSE PRETENSES.

Frederick Brining r made information before Alderman Thomas, charging one William Wagner with false pretenses. It appears that the defendant obtained $3 25 worth of coal from him under false and fraudulent representations. The defendant was arrested and committed at the prosecutor's own request, in default of bail.

Murdoch, the prosecutor resides in the Eighth ward, and the defendant in the Sixth ward.

### Murdoch's Last Reading.

James E. Murdoch, Esq., will give his second and last reading, this season, at the Academy of Music this evening, under the auspices of the Young Men's Library Association. At the close of this season, we understand, it is the intention of Mr. Murdoch to retire from the stage and devote the remaining years of his life to teaching elocution. He will establish his school in Cincinnati, and his well-known ability in his profession will attract to him a large number of pupils. The programme for this evening's readings has already been published, and as it embraces some of the most interesting subjects, it need only be said to know who is to be instructively and pleasantly entertained, don't fail to attend.

### A Serious Difficulty Settled.

Some weeks ago, the police of this city arrested a young man named Painter, charged with two serious offenses on oath of Miss Eunice Keister and her father. The alleged offenses were committed at Irwin's station, Westmoreland county, and to that county the accused was sent for trial. As will be seen by by the following from the Westmoreland Court proceedings, reprinted in the Greensburg *Herald*, the cases have been settled:

Commonwealth vs. Henry Painter; indictment, seduction, Emily Keister, prosecutrix. A true bill; leave given the case was settled by the parties.

Commonwealth vs. Henry Painter; indictment, attempt to procure abortion; James M. Keister, prosecutor. True bill; by leave of the Court of Indiance of prosecution. District Attorney was directed to enter a *nolle prosequi*.

### A Great Musical Treat.

Mr. Jame S. Suniski, a Russian lady of rank, has arrived in this city, and proposes to give a select and private musical soiree, on Friday evening, at Kleber & Bro.'s piano warerooms, 112 Wood street. She is a truly wonderful performer upon the flute, and produces effects upon that instrument which never before in this locality had been brought altogether impossible. Nothing can surpass the purity and sweetness of her notes, which are all executed with a delicacy and vividness of finish that is a perfect delight to the listener. Mr. and Mrs. H. Kleber, and other well known persons, have tickets which will be for sale at Kleber & Bros.' music store. The soiree will take place to-morrow (Friday) evening.

REFORMED PRESBYTERY OF PITTSBURGH.—A special meeting of the Reformed Presbytery of Pittsburgh will be held in the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Federal street, Allegheny City, this morning, at eleven o'clock, to hear the report of the committee appointed to attend the Presbyterian Union, and to take such action thereon as may be deemed necessary. It is very probable that Presbytery will take steps to form a union with the Presbyterian Church of the United States, and that a committee will be appointed to confer with the Synod of Pittsburgh upon the subject.

MASONIC HALL.—The Morris Brothers Minstrels continue to draw crowded audiences. Their performances are irresistibly funny.

### To Finishers.

CIRCULATING BATH BOILERS are now manufactured in a superior manner by Wm. B. Scaife, Nos. 119 and 121 First street.

We judge from the immense sales that Mrs. S. A. Allen's Improved (new style) Hair Restorer or Dressing (in one bottle) is preferred by every one. Every druggist sells it. Price one dollar. THIS

BUY YOUR SHIRTS at Oppenheimer & Co.'s, No. 83 Wood street.

### Thirty Dollars Reward

If the "Indian Herb Doctor" fails to describe disease, and tell his patients the nature of their complaints or illness, without receiving any information from them. No charge for advice or consultation. The Doctor's office is 194 Liberty street.

### The Ladies' Homœopathic Charitable Association

Will hold a grand Fair during the first week of December next, at City Hall, for the benefit of the Homœopathic Hospital. The Fair will commence Monday evening, December 2d, and continue till Saturday, December 7th, and will be open from 12 M. to 11 P. M. each day. THS

BUY YOUR COLLARS, Bows, Ties, etc., at Oppenheimer & Co.'s, No. 83 Wood street.

CHEAP SOAP! GOOD SOAP! Natrona Refined Saponifier or Concentrated Lye. Two cents a pound for superior hard soap. Twelve pounds of soft soap for one cent. Every family can make their own soap. All varieties of soap as easily made as a cup of coffee. Is a new compound for making soap, just discovered in Greenland, in the form of a powder. It is composed mainly of aluminate of soda, which, when mixed with refuse fat, produces the best detergent soap in the world. One pound of it will make 175 pounds of good soft soap, or its equivalent in superior hard soap. Retailed by all druggists and grocers in the United States. Wholesale depot with each box. Dealers can obtain it wholesale in cases each containing 48 boxes, at a liberal discount, of the wholesale grocers and druggists in all the towns and cities of the United States, of CLIFFORD PEMBERTON, General Agent, Pittsburgh, Pa. eod

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### Selling Off at Cost.

A rare stock of jewelry at Reineman, Meyran & Seidle's, No. 29 Fifth street, prior to removing into their new and elegant building, No. 42 Fifth street. tf.

BUY YOUR UNDERSHIRTS AND DRAWERS at Oppenheimer & Co.'s, No. 83 Wood street.

### Is Stimulation Necessary?

This question is practically answered in the affirmative by thousands of physicians every day. Sometimes they prescribe the ordinary forms of alcohol; sometimes tincture which are simply *inferior alcohol*, more or less medicated; but no small proportion of the faculty give the preference to HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS, as the most carefully prepared medicinal stimulant at present known. It is impossible for prejudice itself to be blind to the marked success with which this extraordinary and delightful tonic relieves the most painful in cases of DYSPEPSIA during the last twenty years. If it were possible to canvass the whole country for cases in which it had effected a cure of this distressing disease, the result *they would number millions*. No wonder, then, that it has become a STANDARD MEDICINE in every State, city, town and village in the United States, and in France, the West Indies and Mexico, in literature, art and science, are the vouchers of its remarkable properties. The immense manufactory at Pittsburgh, with its extensive machinery, is a fact well known to the public, and is cited in this country, and, probably, in the world. The amount of manual labor employed in the preparation of the Bitters, to say nothing of the steam driven machinery, is greater than that of any other proprietary medicine establishment on this continent, and, by the Providence that has ordained that the most salutary is the unequalled tonic and alterative are co-extensive with its continually increasing sales.

### Thanksgiving Proclamation.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.
BY JOHN W. GEARY, GOVERNOR.

From the creation of the world, in a large and clear, it has been customary to set apart certain days for public thanksgiving, and the people have always been influenced by the light of Christian knowledge, nor by any proper conception of the character of God, to acknowledge Him "in all their ways with righteousness," and "who daily ou earth with his benefits;" but by a strong exercise of the virtues of every-living force, by which the world and all its relations are governed and controlled. Aided by the dictates of our fallen nature, and by the light of revelation, we are taught that, we, however, are taught to recognize his hand in the events of life, and to feel that we are indebted for existence and all the blessings we enjoy to Him, in whom we "live, move and have our being;" that signifying and praise. It is he who "visiteth the earth and maketh it very plenteous;" who "crowneth the year with his goodness, and whose paths drop fatness;" who "causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man;" who "bringeth forth bread out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengthens man's heart